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# **Cuckoo in Tory nest**

## Rival 'party' funds rebels

Michael White Political Editor

loyalists were last night urging John urging John Major to crack the disciplinary whip over their party's Eurosceptics after the promoter of yesterday's 74-vote referendum rebellion admitted that his think-tank accepts donations from Sir James Goldsmith.

Though ministers shrugged off the spectacle of almost half their backbenchers support-ing Bill Cash's token bill for an early referendum - with voters asked to endorse "irre-versible changes" to protect British sovereignty from further encroachment by the European Union — pro Europeans seized on Mr Cash's ties with Sir James.

Mr Cash's European Foundation has accepted donations from what Labour dubbed "a foreign-based billionaire since 1993. But now that Sir James has bankrolled his own Referendum Party with the express purpose of run-ning candidates against antireferendum MPs at the next election, loyalists insisted it amounted to taking money from the enemy — "like me taking it from Tony Blair,

said one Tory. The former prime minister Sir Edward Heath led calls for the whips to intervene with local parties and put a stop to "It's absolutely abhorrent that our members should accept money from Sir James, someone who is a French member of the European Parliament, lives in France and Mexico, and tries to buy his way into Parliament." he

In a statement last night Sir James said he had funded the European Foundation at its inception — an open secret a though Mr Cash said he still contributed. The MP does not represent the bulk of Tory Eurosceptics. some of whom regard him as

They believe Sir James's support for his bill - with full-page advertisements in national newspapers last — to have been unwise for both men, not least because some Cash allies were telling waverers that voting Yes would get Sir James off their backs on election day. With Mr Blair taunting Mr

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Major over his refusal to denounce the bill in advance and Robin Cook later urging the Prime Minister to admit which foreign millionaires fund his party" - some Labour MPs plan to raise the today as a possible oreach of parnamentary privilege. It is illegal to use threats or inducements to sway MPs' votes. At least one said to be "very relaxed" monetary union and thus po- rocking by Tories who have



Tory Eurosceptic Bill Cash at the Millbank TV studies yesterday before he launched his referendum bill in the Commons PHOTOGRAPH: STEFAN ROUSSEAU

Sir James Goldsmith's

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ight the BBC tibel action

Hamilton and Gerald Howarth

General Election.

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## EU leaders sense Major retreat on lifting beef ban | Gold touch

about to settle the beef war in return for an agreement on a phased lifting of the export ban which will leave key issues unresolved, writes

about what party officials | litical union too".

"an irrelevant

Britain to eliminate BSE had been successful. Priorwould leave vague the con-

the ban would be lifted. In return Britain will be expected to announce an immediate and uncondi-

decisions in recent weeks. Jacques Santer, the Presi

quite confident now that we can reach an agreement on a framework before the Florence summit."

fierce reaction from Con

abandoned all hope in the election and misplaced belief by others that jingoism is the only option left for winning

the election.

Mr Blair salier challenged Mr Major at question time to stand up to his rebels. "If you carry on running from them they will carry on chasing you — and the loser will be Britain," the Labour leader

Mr Major said Sir James was free to spend £20 million fielding candidates — "but he isn't going to change our policy".

Redwood, who called it a good test of opinion". Old hands saw the affair as Leader comment, page 8; Single currency criteria 'need relaxing', page 12

## PM blunders with lottery grants jibe

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

HE Prime Minister last night looked to have scored an own-goal when he launched an outspoken attack on the National Lottery Charities Board for giving "ill-judged"

grants to groups working with gays, prostitutes and asylum-seekers.

It emerged that two of the four groups cited by John Major's office had been govern-ment-funded. A third has been consulted regularly by the Metropolitan Police.

Mr Major told the Com-mons that the boards distributing lottery good-cause money "from time to time make awards that are illfounded and ill-judged".

Speaking about grant awards at prime minister's question time, Mr Major said: A small number do not in my judgment reflect the way Parliament and the public expected lottery money to be

His comments came after the lottery charities board awarded a total £159 million to 2,229 organisations working with young people and those on low income. Recipi-ents include Scout and Guide groups and large, mainstream charities like Help the Aged, the Samaritans. ChildLine and the NSPCC.

A spokesman for Mr Major said his remarks had been prompted by grants totalling almost £225,000 by the board Education Project the West Midlands Anti-Deportation Campaign, the Leicester Les bian, Gay and Bisexual Centre and Gay and Lesbian London Policing.

Although not named by Downing Street, the Reading-based Reach Out Lesbian. Gay and Bisexual Youth Group received £111,681 for a three-year research and de velopment project. The Mil-ton Keynes Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youthline also got

267,472 for three years.

#### On the list

□ Scottish Prostitutes Education Project. Provides sup-port and information to young male and female prostitutes; has been funded by Lothian health board and the Scottish Office; based in Edinburgh. £81,553 lottery cash over three years will pay for a staff member, office, training and running costs.

☐ West Midlands Anti-Deportation Campaign: supports and provides information for asylum-seekers, refugees and others affected by the Immigration and Asylum Act: based in Birmingham. £65,858 over three years to produce information material.

 Leicester Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Centre: provides counselling and support; has been funded by Home Office and Department of Health. £49,586 over three years will pay for part-time and sessional youth workers, and fund related running costs.

 □ Gay und Lesbian London Policing (Galop): civilian group which monitors the policing of the capital's gay community and advises the Metropolitan Police. £26,100 for one year to employ a full-time "outreach" worker and meet running costs of a support service for bic abuse and attacks.

As further details of the groups emerged, it was confirmed that the Scottish Prostitutes Education Project had been funded by £8,460 a year for the past three years by the Scottish Office with the aim of "minimising the spread of Aids among prostitutes in Scotland".

It also emerged that the Leicester group had been turn to page 3. column 4

# LIROPEAN Union leaders any framework would deposite of non-co-operation are increasingly confident that John Major is that measures promised by vetoing more than 70 EU

A draft agreement to be put to EU foreign ministers n Rome on Monday will set out stages for removing the ban but will contain neither a timetable nor guar-antees that each stage will

But Downing Street knows

that 20 or more ministers would have backed the bill if

allowed to, and that one or

more may be considering

The 120-strong government

payroll vote obeyed advice to abstain, as did the Labour

and Liberal Democrat front

benches, equally keen not to dignify Mr Cash's allies with

a real show of strength. Rebels regard that tactic as

typical of the frontbench "conspiracy" on Europe,

while Mr Cash told the House

resignation.

ity candidates for easing the ban, including newborn calves and beef cattle fed on grass, would be iden-tified, but the framework ditions for activating each successive stage by which

Commission officials said | tional abandonment of its | servative Eurosceptics.

Tory Eurosceptics claimed

that the vote, wholly symbolic

since the bill has no chance of

becoming law, again showed how the tide on the Tory

benches was steadily moving

their way. Earlier this year another Tory sceptic, Iain

Duncan-Smith, got 66 Tories to back his similar 10 minute

rule bill to subordinate the

Britain's own.

European Court's rulings to

Among the former cabinet

backers yesterday were Nor

man Lamont, Kenneth Baker

Jonathan Aitken and John

dent of the Commission, said in Brussels: 'I am

An agreement which falls short of Britain's original demand for the immediate

and wholesale lifting of the beef ban would provoke a

1992 To help Conservative Party fight General Election. Regularly wined and dined by Lord McAlpine, former Tory € 1993 To fund Bill Cash and

25 other hard core rebels fighting Meastricht Treaty,including paying for newspaper adverti 1995 24 million to fund the

Europe of Nations Party. Got 13 MEPs and 13 per cent of the vote in the French

■ 1996 To fund Bill Cash's European Foundation and back his Referendum Bill which calls for a fresh vote on tederal membership of EU

● 1996-97 Up to £20 million to fund Referendum Party to fight next General Election by putting up 659 can

Mr Dole's campaign staff

have been quick to rebut the

charge that their candidate is

a man of unadventurous

tastes. "Just last weekend he

was in New Jersey enjoying

pastry with Christie Whit-

man (the New Jersey gover-

nor)," a spokesman said.

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## President's plat du jour - battered bacon with cream gravy or chip buttie with mayonnaise

lan Katz in New York

N CASE Whitewater, Paula Jones and the unfolding FBI files controversy were not enough to keep them awake at night. White House aides face a new political headache: a cook-and-tell book about President Clinton's notoriously unhealthy eating habits. In the Kitchen with Bill

dishes up the dirt on the press officially anonymous, all ridiculed as a compulsive ner, he made light of his as "strictly boiled chicken" ident's appetite for nutrition though Jaime Schilcher, a eater with a penchant for heavyweight appetite asking Mr. Dole's companies. ident's appetite for nutritionally incorrect dishes, such as Battered and Fried Bacon with Cream Gravy or Mayonnaise and Potato Chip Sandwich a delicacy reportedly devised by Tipper Gore, the

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Tory said Lord Nolan should

The row overshadowed the

95-I vote on Mr Cash's Referendum Bill, in which 14 Labour MPs, two Liberal

Democrats and five Ulster Unionists joined the 74 back-

bench Tories — including a clutch of former cabinet min-

isters — in trying to limit Mr

Despite ministerial assur-

ances and a white paper committing Britain to a "partner-ship of nations". Mr Cash argued that "under the Maas-

tricht Treaty we are surfing under a tidal wave of

Major's scope in the Mass-

tricht review conference.

examine the issue.

vice-president's wife. Hoping to emulate the success of the political roman-àclef, Primary Colours, the book's authors are remaining

chef who has cooked for Mr junk food. Clinton, has been less reticent than her fiction-writing counterpart. "Bill Clinton is a true sensualist," she told the New York Post. "He likes power,

women and food. The collection of Mr Clinton's favourite recipes is unlikely to do him serious politi- office.

Although he jogs regularly, the First Girth has grown al-

most as rapidly as the federal budget deficit, and reports of pizza deliveries to the White House (allegedly up 18 per cent when Hillary is away) have dogged his term in

who Americans would trust to choose the toppings on their take-out pizzas: "Bob Dole or Bill Clinton?"

Ms Schilcher insists Mr Clinton should not be blamed for his unhealthy tastes because "he's from Arkansas" She says she will be voting for him in November, dismissing

cal damage. He has long been At a recent Washington din-his Republican rival Bob Dole page 2

Two goals from Casiraghi gave Italy a flying start to Euro 96 with a 2-1 win against Russia to top their

## Inside

Britain All-party talks on Northern Ireland hovered between crisis and farce as Unionists continued to obstruct George Mitchell as chairman

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#### Sketch

## Greengrocer from Mexico cashes in



Simon Hoggart

BILL Cash should remember, never go on stage with children, animals, or Tony Banks. Mr Cash is the Eurosceptics Eurosceptic, a man of immense height, only slightly less gravitas, and a fund of fascinating knowledge about such scandals as the European cauliflower mountain.

His speech on a referendum yesterday had been trailed for days. There was no current affairs programme which did not feature Cash (the family money comes from Cash's name tapes, which also allow you to leave the same message in hundreds of places).

We were told that it would be "necessary but not suffi-cient" for Tory backbenchers to vote for Mr Cash's bill if Sir James Goldsmith were not to put up candidates against them. It now turns out that Mr Cash has been receiving money from Sir James in order to promote his cause, which seems curious, since the Goldsmith candidates plan to stand in order to take seats

from Tory MPs. In the past an MP who did this (imagine a Labour MP taking Tory money) would have been locked by the whips in a darkened cell with rabid bats for company.

But these days the Government is so frightened of the Eurosceptics that they can get

away with anything.
Prime Minister's Questions ended (once again Mr Major declined to do anything bold, such as saying that he dis-agreed with the Eurosceptics) and the entire government front bench fled, all at once, rather than risk being in the same Chamber as Mr Cash. His speech was standard

tidal wave of federalism . . . single currency unthinkable ... an introverted and collapsing Europe." It was well received, largely because Mr Cash is a bore, and MPs like

anti-European boilerplate: "A

bores. They make them feel cosy and unthreatened.
Then Mr Banks stood up. He

was a surprising choice as challenger, being best known for his successful appearance on radio quiz shows and his constant barracking from the oack benches. But Mr Banks was brilliant.

All his anger and rage came pouring out, washing over the sceptics, taunting them, revil-ing them, showering them with his contempt like so much spittle.
It was a rant, at times inco-

nerent, always offensive, entirely over the top. And what a relief it was. After all the pussyfooting, all the placatory words, all the dead obfuscations we have had from the Tory front bench and, worse condescension from the Euro philes drivelling on about their dreary friends Guido and Helmut, it was a blast

sweltering hot day. Euroscepticism has become the political correctness of the right, and it has gone too long

unchallenged. When Mr Banks warned that the European Union wouldn't back down, and that Britain couldn't go on cutting off our own proposals to spite our colleagues, the antis started to boo, which is strictly forbidden (jeering and yelling is fine; booing is banned).

They couldn't take it. They didn't just disagree with Mr Banks; they thought he had no right even to think what he had thought. He couldn't have got a more satisfying reaction if he had walked into Hackney Women's Collective and de-

nounced lesbianism.
"I don't like this bill because I don't like being dictated to by a rich greengrocer who lives in Mexico and pays no taxes here. I don't mind Tories being defeated, but I want them defeated by the voters, not by a greengrocer from Mexico!" he yelled.

Mr Banks is an old friend of the Prime Minister from their days on Lambeth council. Mr Major often twits him about his vegetarian diet. Since Mr Banks showed rather more passion and guts on Europe in five minutes yesterday than years, maybe he too should try a diet of yoghurt sandwiches



There are strong indications that advisers lied in their Whitewater testimony'





Bob Dole and his wife Elizabeth attend a Washington dinner for his retirement from Senate to concentrate on the presidential campaign. The growing scandal surrounding the Clintons, left, including a new controversy over FBI files, has given him an ideal political opportunity

# **Net closes in on First Lady**

## Clinton aides face perjury charges

WO top White House aides and a woman lawyer who was Hillary Clinare threatened with formal indictments for perjury, in an escalation of the Whitewater inquiry which is coming ominously closer to the presi-

The Senate's special com-

the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, that perjury charges be brought against Harold Ickes. White House deputy chief of staff, Margaret Williams, chief of staff to Mrs Clinton, and Susan Tho-mases, a close friend and ad-

viser to the First Lady.
Their stonewall testimony before the committee, in which they repeatedly said they could not recall events of 1993 and 1994, is seen by the Republicans as evidence of perjury to protect the Clintons.

ing it to Congress.

They claim Mr Ickes was guilty of perjury in failing to recall discussions with the Clintons about their legal liabilities in the Whitewater affair, or about the role of the independent counsel.
"There are strong indica-

tions they lied in their Whitewater testimony," according to senior committee officials, quoted in Newsday, the New York daily. "The committee will offer examples of why their testimony was not truthful."

The recommendation to mittee on Whitewater is expected next week to make a formal recommendation to Ms Thomases and Ms Willicans led by Senator Alfonse Thomases Thomases and Ms Willicans led by Senator Alfonse Thomases Thomase

liams conspired with Mrs Clinton to block federal investigators by taking documents from the White House office of deputy counsel Vince Foster after he committed suicide in July 1993, and then denying it to Congress will take seriously this recommendation from his fel-low Republicans.

"These are hopelessly taint ed hearings," Mark Fabiani, of the White House counsel's office, told the Guardian yes-terday. "American voters know that Senator D'Amato is chairman of the Dole election campaign. No fair-minded per-son will give credence to his report, which will be made ir-respective of the real facts."

Democratic Congressmen are privately more alarmed at the growing scandal on the improper access to FBI files of

contemptuously rejected by Congress, where his enemies are arranging emergency hearings next week. said Bob Dole, suddenly presented with a political oppor-tunity the moment he for-

mally retired from the Senate to become a full-time campaigner for the presidency. An army security worker was given an out-of-date list of people with White House passes for review, and ob-tained from the FBI 341 personal files that may contain unsubstantiated and damaging information. The White

"It was a blunder, a big one, but innocent." Mr Fabiani House chief of staff, admitted the error was "inexcusable". The misuse of the FBI and the compiling of enemies' lists are unhappily close to the impeachment offences against the late President Richard Nixon 22 years ago. But the closest echo of the Watergate scandal in the

cover-up carries more politi-cal perils than any original offence.

Other Whitewater pitfalls loom for the Clintons. The trial of two Arkansas bankers, accused of making illegal payments to Mr Clinton's 1990 governorship campaign, starts in 10 days.

The independent counsel

#### First night

## Playing tricks with despair

Lyn Gardner

The Trick is to Keep

WOMAN with red hair and a black dress stands in front of a microphone. Behind her are two women identically attired. The three talk over each other, words en twining. The first woman opens her mouth in an oh-gape

of despair and screams. Welcome inside the mind of Joy Stone, teacher, orphaned daughter, bereaved lover and the heroine of Janice Galloway's remarkable 1990 Scot-tish novel about cracking up.

Joy's mother has walked into the sea and her lover has died in a swimming pool accident. Joy carries her grief around like the stone in her name. She gives up food. She is so light that she floats. "Time is not a good healer. I have a good memory." she says. In Michael Boyd's adapta

tion, originally produced at Glasgow's Tron theatre, the pain of Joy's disintegraton is physically manifest. Siobhan Redmond, Jennifer Black and Tracy Wilde, who play the different aspects of Joy — her public persona, her private turmoil, and her lost self writhe and clutch at the air or move like sleepwalkers be-neath the sea. The microphone throws feedback at them like a well aimed punch, a physical hurt. Scissors are

Joy admits that she has a

light relief. But even the world outside the insistent red ME is savage and grotesque. The health visitor dribbles tea down her chin as she assures Joy that she knows exactly how she feels because her niece once fell off her bicycle and almost died; in a hospital group therapy session the ter minally despairing are asked

ployed youth.
Boyd's adaptation makes a
striking feature of the play's
literary origins. Pieces of text

sion, just as using three actresses to play Joy allows in-This production come

wielded to score the word ME into canvas, red paint welling

problem getting outside of her head. So does the production. When we do escape it comes as tween crisis and farce last night as Unionists continued

to discuss the plight of unem-

are projected on to the stage; random thoughts surfacing from Joy's subconscious. This lends an extra dimen-

teraction, not just monologue This production comes down to slick packaging. Galloway's novel is by no means traditionally structured. Boyd has tweaked the narrative and overlaid the whole with a performance style that owes considerable many at the ICA. siderably more to the ICA than the RSC — where Boyd is shortly bound. This is fine, but often you are overly conscious of a tricksiness, when nothing or a cricksiness, when nothing is needed except recognition that things don't always get worse before they get better. Sometimes they simply get

David Sharrock Ireland Correspondent HE Northern Ireland all-party talks hovered be-

to obstruct the chairmanship of George Mitchell. After 10 hours of bilateral meetings between party dele-gates, London and Dublin government ministers and Mr Mitchell - President Clinton's special Irish envoy agreement was no nearer on how the talks can proceed.

The Democratic Unionist Party and Bob McCartney. leader of the UK Unionists, claimed that Mr Mitchell is

Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent

ACAR mechanic from Northern Ireland ap-

peared in court in London yesterday charged in connec-tion with the Canary Wharf bomb in which two died last

Trimble, is reserving judgment but wants a sub-committee to consider new proposals concerning the extent of his powers before a chairman is

The two covernments and the six other parties want to appoint Mr Mitchell immedi-ately and move on to the next item on the agenda while a separate sub-committee looks

at his powers. The depth of division was illustrated by bitter ex-changes outside Castle Buildines during the day as the opposing sides vied to put the best possible gloss on their

stipendary magistrate Peter

McKinley was arrested last Friday in South Armagh in a

joint army and police opera-tion. He was flown to London

Pebruary. and has been held under the Northern Ireland and Lon-Patrick McKinley, aged 32. Prevention of Terrorism Act don. Two men. one from Tot-

Car mechanic charged over IRA's Canary Wharf bomb

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of Mullaghbawn, Newry, Co at Paddington Green police Down, was remanded in cus-tody for nine days at Bel- McKinley was driven to

position. The Rev lan Paisley unacceptable because he accused an Irish minister of would not be impartial. The approaching a delegate and covernments.

Mitchell watches Euro 96 while parties try for goals over his role

Ulster Unionist leader, David Sharrock

Warning him that there would be "bodies on the streets" unless the Unionist parties accepted Mr Mitchell. "I have told the Secretary of State that we will not have that be fire and enter talks.

Warning him that there would be "bodies on the streets" unless the Unionist parties accepted Mr Mitchell. "I have told the Secretary of State that we will not have that be fire and enter talks. haviour in this building."

But the SDLP deputy leader, Seamus Mallon, said that was no more than the 'fabricated tittle-tattle that the reverend gentleman always comes up with". Meanwhile Mr Mitchell

passed the day in his suite of offices watching the Euro '96 soccer tournament on television and holding a series of meetings with party leaders. Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien, representing the UK Unionists. said that Mr Mitchell had sympathised with his position "because he believed he had a real role, but was short changed because he was not been stitched up" between the

and charged with conspiracy

to cause an explosion likely to

endanger life and cause seri-

Five other men were ar-rested in last week's raids in

ous damage to property.

"The baleful influence of Sinn Fein /IRA is casting its shadow over all the

Gary McMichael, leader of the loyalist Ulster Democratic Party which has links with the paramilitary Ulster Defence Association, angrily accused the main Unionis parties of trying to wreck the

"Others are trying to constrict this process to the point that agreement cannot be found." he said. "There are parties inside that building which don't want us to exist ind are trying to put us in a strattjacket.

one from Barking in east Lon-don, were still being held last

Three other men, arrested

in South Armagh, have been

released.
The explosion at South

Quay in Canary Wharf on February 9 ended the IRA's

Dirty trick of the trade, G2 page 7

## Crisis and farce grip Ulster talks Murdoch £400m shares buy-back

Paul Murphy, Stock Market Correspondent

UPERT Murdoch yesterday announced plans for a £400 million buy-back of News International, following the recent example

of Telegraph proprietor Con-rad Black.

The deal, which would take all the shares off the London stock market, will reduce the level of public scrutiny over his British newspaper and Just a fortnight after the

Times and the Telegraph locked horns once more in the newspaper price war — this time on the price of the papers on Monday — Mr Murdoch's main Australian vehicle. News Corporation, in-tends to take over complete ownership of News Interna-tional, the UK-registered vehicle which owns his stable of British newspapers and also controls Mr Murdoch's 40 per cent stake in the satellite TV operator BSkyB.

News Corporation already owns 80 per cent of News In-ternational, with the halance owned by a spread of British investment institutions. The British stock was issued 16 years ago - partly to conform reasefire. Two newsagents with media ownership rules at the time, but also to mise into the shade.

News International — speak-ing for about £400 million worth of stock - are being asked to swap their shares for special News Corporation

Mr Murdoch has never been able to use his London stock market quotation to any useful effect. Reflecting the City's inherent distruct of media barons, shares in News International have traded at a significant discount to their News Corporation counterparts over recent years. So were greeted enthusiastically, and the price of shares in News international jumped by more than a quarter to

A spokeswoman for News International insisted that this was a move to "simplify and clarify" the structure of the News Corporation group. But it will relieve Mr Murdoch of the obligation to publish interim results state-ments for his British newspaper and television in-terests. While News International will remain a UK-regis-tered subsidiary of News Corporation — filing its ac-counts for public inspection at Companies House - a key corner of Mr Murdoch's em-pire will move a little deeper

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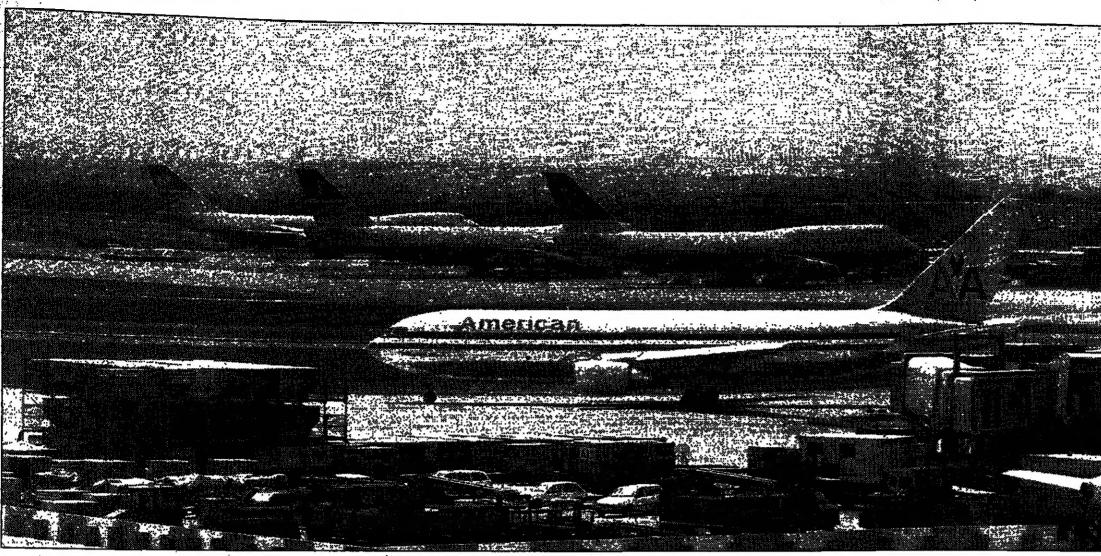
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Virgin boss steps up pressure for Minister to veto agreement 'that would create a dominant monster'

# BA deal may deliver £100 fares to US link in



American Airways and BA planes on the tarmac at Heathrow. A tie-up could give them 60 per cent of Atlantic routes.

## American alliance operations of BA's 244 flights a week from the UK to its 22 destinations in the US, incommands 60pc of Atlantic market

Keith Harpor Transport Editor

fares of little more than £100 could become the norm following the sealing of a global alliance yesterday ween bridsh Airwi American Airlines.

The deal, to come into force next April, would give the companies more than 60 per cent of traffic on the North American route. It awaits approval from the US and British governments, however. which may take a long time. Bob Ayling, BA's chief executive, forecast that prices between Britain and the US.

which had dropped by 40 per cent over the past 10 years. would continue to fall. BA's cheapest low season fare to New York is £293. Virgin charges £198 and several analysts suggested last night that a £100 fare was possible in little more than two years' time. The deal brought an immediate protest from Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin atlantic flying by either. Atlantic, to Sir George Young. The two carriers will establish a joint team to plan the Rotebook, page 11

Branson urged Sir George not to approve the deal. "What will be created will be a monster, an airline which is completely dominant."

Mr Branson, whose airline is the third largest carrier besaid the deal was not in the consumer's interest and higher not cheaper fares. "It will make it far more difficult for smaller airlines to get off the ground and keep the larger carriers alort."

BA and American say that by co-ordinating their net-works they will offer the widest choice of routings and departure times between almost 36,000 locations, providing seamless connections through Europe, the Far East and Latin America.

No exchange of equity or other forms of cross-share-holding are involved. The two companies will remain sepa rate, retaining their identities, brands and nationalities. Each will continue to operate its own aircraft and crews The two carriers will estab-

cluding Concorde services, week from seven US airports to 12 European destinations.
Mr Ayling said: "Our alli-

ance with American is very good news for consumers, for our amployees and for our shareholders." He pointed out that the deal was "indefinite" expected to last at least 11 years, with heavy penalty clauses applying if one of the partners wanted to pull out Critics have suggested that

the partners will be able to secure more coveted slots at Heathrow. But Mr Ayling stressed that neither BA, Heathrow slots, nor American was seeking to increase They have asked their gov-

ernments for a bilateral tition and introduce regula-tions covering the alliance The Department of Transport said last night the Government was interested in the proposals and would be exploring them with US

The Civil Aviation Author ity said the alliance brought legitimate concerns" about competition and passengers' interests. The deal could reduce competition, which could be checked by introduc-ing a new airline or "enhancing the competitive scope for a number of other airlines".

## Lord of the skies Continental Airlines: 3.1 % market share for routes Trans World Airlines: 1.3 Aidinas: 10.9





Give us back a slice of the action,

Mark Tran in New York

on the BA/American m TWA. a transatlantic carrier before it went bust, began clam-ouring for the return of its prestigious routes.

TWA, once owned by maverick billionaire Howard Hughes, lost its JFK to Heathrow slots to American Airlines when corpo-rate raider Carl Icahn took over the ailing airline and sold the routes in 1991. Since then it has been reduced to flying into Gat-wick from its base in St Louis, Missouri.

Yesterday's deal has prompted TWA to ask again for three flights a day don routes.

urges TWA

IARDLY was the ink dry

from JFK to Heathrow, as the airline has been fighting to get a slot out of JFK

TWA's president and chief executive, Jeffrey Erickson, has written to the US Transportation Secretary, Frederico Pena, saying: "The travelling public in this market is ill-served by the concentration of market power in the hands of very limited number of competitors."

Mr Erickson claimed the 'unhealthy uncompetitive environment" was a direct result of "the UK international aviation policy to protect, its flag carriers additional competition."

TWA b is timed its lai request for maximum effect given the wide concern with the dominance that BA and American will excercise over the transatlantic market once their alli-ance takes effect next year. Together the two carriers will control 60 per cent of traffic across the Atlantic. In its application for return of the routes, TWA noted that BA recently an-

nounced record pre-tax profits of \$901 million (£589 million), a significant portion of which was generated, it argued, on US-Lon-

## No cult suicide pact

friend at an American shooting range was pregnant, an inquest heard yesterday.

Ruth Meming and Stephen Bateman, both 22, killed themselves by simultaneously placing handguns in their mouths and squeezing the triggers at a shooting range near Phoenix, Arizona, on February 21.

inquest it was revealed that Ms Fleming, originally from nearby Bowburn, was expecting a baby when she was died.
John McCarthy, the pathologist who carried out a post mortem after her body was flown back to the UK, said she was 10 to 12 weeks pregnant. The couple had previously been living at Andover,

The three left Britain on January 6 and began a tour of the US. But for some reason they split up and the final tragedy came when Mr Bate-man and Ms Fleming, with only 84 cents in cash between them, ended it all at the

Next day Ms Greenhow heard about their deaths on contacting the car hire company at Las Vegas and she was subsequently found dead from a self-inflicted gunshot in her hired car at Redding, northern California.

The couple may have been influenced by the 19th century German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, who influenced the Nazi movement, the inquest was told.

But despite books by him found in their hire car and a beliefs, there was no evidence that 'Mr Bateman and Ms Fleming had links with paramilitary or neo-Nazi groups.

The North Durham coro ner, Geoffrey Burt, said the possibility had been checked out by the FBL but no evidence of connections was

Recording suicide verdicts on Ms Fleming and Mr Bateman, the coroner said it was clear that both, or one them, were interested in Nietzsche. "However, there is no evidence that there was any ulterior motive in going to the US," he added. 'There with paramilitary or neo-Nazi

He was satisfied they did commit suicide and that it was a premeditated act. The hearing was told all three friends were found in black combat-style gear when nails were painted black and she had a tattoo on her left

unusual geometric shape The hearing began with the coroner explaining that he was not only resuming the inquest on Ms Fleming, which he opened on March 6, but also that of Mr Bateman, which was opened at Boston, Lincolnshire, on March 14.

upper arm, described as an

## 7th bout of meningitis

WOMAN was last night in a critical condition hospital after conmeningitis for the Krystyn Wilde, aged 37, first contracted the disease

has suffered four repeats in the last eight months. Her latest life-threatening bout came only 10 days after she was allowed home after recovering from another

more than six years ago and

Last night her husband Alan, aged 41, said he had suggested that a crack in his wife's skull — the result of a childhood accident - may have made her more susceptible to the bacterial strain of the brain tissue disease.

This year doctors examined her skull and, after finding a small crack have promised an operation, which he hoped would take place after his wife recovered from the latest

When she had it for the third time, a doctor told me any more.

hat to have it once was bad, twice very rare, and three times just unknown, " he said.

"She is very strong willed but it is a terrible thing to see happen to someone you love. To see comeone suffer more than once is bad enough, but seven times? There must be an inquiry."
Mrs Wilde first contracted

the disease on Christmas Eve, 1989. She recovered in a month and remained healthy for 18 months. But she suffered two more bouts before the latest series started in On Saturday she was admit-

ted to Sandwell General Hospital in the West Midlands suffering from pneumococcal She was later transferred to the intensive care unit at Rus-

sells Hall Hospital, Dudley. where doctors last night said her condition was critical. Mr Wilde, of West Bromwich, said: "Every attack is more life-threatening than the last. Her system is breaking up and she just can't take

took her to hospital on Saturday she turned to me and said: Is it going to kill me,

this one?"" Mr Wilde added: "This last bout came on so strongly, so viciously, that it took me by "I have got used to recog

nising the symptoms, they usually come over a few but this took hold Ray Thompson, of the National Meningitis Trust,

said such a repeated outbreak

was unique. the disease which can reoccur but thankfully they are very, very rare. It is unusual for someone to suffer twice but where there has been a skull injury it does seem to compli-cate matters. That is not to say that anyone who has had a skull injury is going to get

Mr Thompson added: "It is very unusual for someone of this age to contract the disease. It is normally either the young or the old, with their

#### Major blunders with 'ill-judged lottery grants' jibe at sex groups

continued from page 1 funded under a Home Office scheme, launched by Marga-ret Thatcher, and had received grants from the De-partment of Health.

Gay and Lesbian London Policing has regularly been called on by the police for advice on the gay community. It is said to be well respected by the Metropolitan force.

Mr Major's comments brought echoes of the embarrassment suffered last autumn by Brian Mawhin-ney, Conservative Party chairman, when he ridiculed a Labour council's funding of the Hopscotch Asian Women's Group in north London — only to find it was also

supported by the Home Downing Street said Mr Major's attention had been drawn to the four groups by Virginia Bottomley, National Heritage Secretary who has overall responsibility for the lottery. She had asked for a report from David Sieff. who chairs the charities board.

its choosing, last night de-fended the schemes as having been chosen on merit. Mr Sieff said: "Projects as sisting gay people, leshians and deportees account for less than 1 per cent of the £159 million awarded today. The board will be willing to ex plain the benefits of the par-ticular schemes it has ap-proved to ministers and the

The board has been under fire for its awards, which have so far concentrated on poverty and youth issues, since it started making grants

It yesterday announced it was to seek the views of the public on which charities should benefit "Public focus groups" are being set up this summer in each English region and in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to supplement voluntary sector consultation.

Of the £159 million awarded vesterday, £68 million is go ing to 964 charities working with people on low income The board, which has full and £91 million to 1,265 youth autonomy to make awards of | issue groups.

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They thumb their noses at John Major, the leader of the country to which they claim allegiance. They must be the most disloyal loyalists in history. They refuse to give an inch. For them "no surrender" is not a slogan; it is a way of life. Roy Greenslade

Waldegrave claims drive to deregulate market has created more employment in comments denounced by Labour as 'complacent'

# Fears for job security 'unfounded'

towards "brain work". John Philpott, director of the Employment Policy Insti-tute, said: "This is hardly a

fact, the problem is we're not creating enough poor jobs, for all the unskilled labour." Another shift in the shape

of Britain's job market, highlighted by Labour, has been towards part-time work: there are more than 6 million part-

timers, up from less than 4 million in 1981. Meanwhile,

the number of people in full-

time jobs has dropped by more than 1 million.

But experts said the drift to part-time work is unrelated to

the reforms of the 1980s, hav-

ing grown more rapidly — al-beit from a low base — in the

1950s and 1960s than the 1980s. Mr Waldegrave's attack on the notion that Britain has be-

come a hire-and-fire work-

place, with people moving a

dizzying pace from job to job, was also backed by a labour market expert at the London

School of Economics. Peter

tenure is now eight years

Government yesterday issued a staunch defence of Britain's record as a creator of high quality jobs, describing claims of growing job insecurity as

exaggerated.
The Chief Treasury Secre tary, William Waldegrave, told the American Chambers of Commerce that the Conservative drive to deregulate the labour market had delivered more jobs, compared to the burdensome rules governing work in continental Euro-

Big government not onlydestroys freedom — it destroys jobs," he said. "Keeping the state in check — and thereby helping the magic of the market to provide jobs is the best way to achieve a society which is not divided against itself by the cancer of long-term unemployment."

Mr Waldegrave tackled claims that removing job rules had generated only low-skill, fragile "hamburger-flipping" employment. He cited new Treasury figures show-ing that two-thirds of the jobs created since 1993 had been in occupations with above-aver

Although he admitted job insecurity had risen, he said

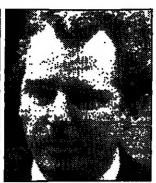
Adults in work

% of adults working

Workforce profile

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William Waldegrave: 'Big government destroys jobs'

real trends in the jobs mar-ket, and denied any link between government reforms such as the abolition of the wages councils or erosion of trade union rights — and

"Deregulation has been blamed for creating a climate in which nobody can feel secure in a job. This is simplis-tic and misleading. The structure of an economy cannot be

pickled in aspic."

But Labour seized on his comments as evidence that the Government is out of touch with voters. The deputy Labour leader, John Prescott, said: "Mr Waldegrave has no I must tell him that insecurity comes from having short-

Occupations

% of workforce



contracts bring insecurity

of fact that most people live with from day to day, and Mr Waldegrave appears to be But Mr Waldegrave said

people were working part-time because it suited them, and cited more part-timers as as evidence of a truly flexible abour market. Last night economists said general economic trends were ar more important than nar-

row technical discussions about the degree of regulation.
They agreed with Mr Waldegrave's claim that twothirds of the jobs created since the autumn of 1998 have

compared to nine years when Margaret Thatcher came to power: "Hardly a revolution." Analysts also agreed that been in industries paying above average wages, but said Britain's recent record on job creation was better than in continental Europe. But econthis was simply an extension of a post-war trend away from omists, while disagreeing about the desirability of join regulation, all said this per-formance had been less to do with legislation than with nacro-economic policy.

Dr Robinson said: "I am looking to the fact we have finally got the balance of macro-economic policy right, rather than to labour market reforms. Although we could easily have some modest reregulation without adverse

Patrick Minford, a free market member of the Government's advisory panel of economists, said deregulation would have helped Britain's ob performance more if the Government had pursued an even more expansionary pol-Deregulation does work. but hasn't really had the because we are still running policy too tight."



## Winners and losers in a tight market

#### Ex-counsellor seeks advice in work hunt

VEN a degree failed to keep Shantiel Bell off the dole queue. She has got desperate enough to con-sider "hostess" work, writes

The 34-year-old mother of two was made redundant rom her job as a Citizens' Advice Bureau counsellor in east London last year as funding dried up. She joined the CAB in 1985 with a sociology degree and a college qualification in welfare rights. She earned up She said: "I loved that I say to people: 'Go for it, job, and I've tried to get get your foot in the door'."

work in the same field but the jobs aren't there. I've gone for other work but the profits from money is so bad.

"Tve even started to look through the newspaper ads for hostess jobs. If anybody can tell me how else to get work, I'd want to hear from

Ms Bell has contacted the Hackney-based charity Bootstrap for advice. Catherine Briody, a Bootstrap job counsellor, said people who try to get back into the labour market are deterred by the insecurity of part

time, low-paid jobs. She said: "People don't realise how much it has changed. If there is even a three-month contract going with the council

## profits from loss of job

OT everybody has suf-fered as a result of rising job insecurity, *writes Sarah* 

Accountant John Burston who lost his job nine years ago, has watched his client list swell as others have been forced out of traditional

employment.

Based in Gloucester, Mr
Burston, aged 43, now self-em-ployed, works from home. The growth of short-term contracts over the past five years has put people of all ages and from a range of professions

on his books. They all end up coming to

Burston's clients work in tele-vision, which has relied on short-term contracts for many years, but he said the practice has now spread cross the more traditional professions, including

banking People have turned self-employed to counterbalance their new insecurity with lower tax bills. Mr Burston said this has led to extra vigilance by the

Inland Revenue.
"A self-employed worker can usually save about 35 to 40 per cent of their personal tax liabilities and 50 per cent of their National Insurance liabilities

Mr Burston works a 70hour, six-day week, but believes he would earn twice as much in a traditional job.

# PETROLEUM CONTROL COMMISSION

## TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO MALAWI

The Petroleum Control Commission (PCC) of P.O Box 2827, Blantyre, Malawi wish to invite sealed TENDERS from eligible suppliers for the supply of white petroleum products - Mogas (Petrol), Automotive Gas Oil (Diesel) and Dual Purpose Kerosene (Jet A-1 and Paraffin) for 1996/97 as specified below:-

#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS OF TENDERING**

- 1. This invitation is open to all Oil Companies currently operating in Malawi, Oil Suppliers and registered Oil Trading Firms.
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- 3. Tenders should be valid for 60 days starting from the date fixed for receiving tenders. No tenders may be withdrawn for any reason between the deadline for submission of tenders and the expiration of the period of tender validity.
- The Tender should specify the sources of all products to be supplied.
- The duration of the supply contract shall be 12 (twelve) months from the date of commencement.
- 6. PCC does not undertake to award against this tender or to accept the lowest tender bid in any particular case. In addition, PCC reserves the right to award only part of the supply to any tender offered and will not assign any reason for the rejection of a tender.
- 7. Tenderers are required to provide all necessary information about their companies, with such information including, but not being limited to:-
  - : Annual reports for 1994 and 1995 for public companies.
  - : Major activities and customers for the last two years. At least two first class international bank references.

- 8. The original and two copies of the tenders, which should be in the English Language, should be addressed to the General Manager of the Petroleum Control Commission,
  - at the following address:-Petroleum Control Commission 5th Floor, Umovo House
- Victoria Avenue
- P.O Box 2827 Biantyre
- MALAWI
- Telephone: 00 265 620 155 Telefax: 00 265 620 908
- Telex: 44887 PETROL M1 so as to reach him, not later than 16.00 hours Malawi time on 28th June, 1996
- 9. The envelope addressed to the Petroleum Control Commission, should bear the name of the tendering company, the words "TENDER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS" and the words "DO NOT OPEN BEFORE 01.07.96.)" Tenders received after the deadline will be rejected and returned unopened to the Tenderers.
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#### PRODUCTS QUANTITY

11. The tender is for the supply of products covering the period starting from September, 1996 and ending August, 1997, which are estimated as follows:-

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#### **PRODUCTS QUANTITY**

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## Census findings reveal growth of 'ethnic villages' in search for a better quality of life

# Blacks move towards suburbs jail term cut

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

HE black population is now mostly Brit-ish-born and does not live in African-American style ghettos but instead has moved from the inner cities to "ethnic villages" in the suburbs, according to the latest academic study of the official census.

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The study, published yesterday by the Office for National Statistics, also suggests that Britain's 500,000 black Caribbeans face an "Irish future" while the 1.5 million Asians face a "Jewish future"

"This means the black Caribbean population is working class, waged labour, state educated and council housed, while the Asian population will become self-employed, owner-occupiers and white

**Family** 

thrives

far from

estate's

crowds

EE Bernard stands at her back door proudly showing off her plum

and apple trees and reminisc-

"On the estate in Lambeth the police used to use the 'sus'

law to trouble my children

and once they kicked my door

down," she says. "Dealing with that type of racism and trying to raise a family is not

at all easy. I was finding it

was difficult to bring them up with the standards I was

The Stockwell estate in

Lambeth, south London, is only a few miles up the road.

But, for a woman who was raised in a landowning family

ery body's business all around

you and you didn't know who

your children were mixing

So in 1980 she packed her

bags and with her five chil-dren headed to the relatively

leafy Thornton Heath, near

Croydon, south London,

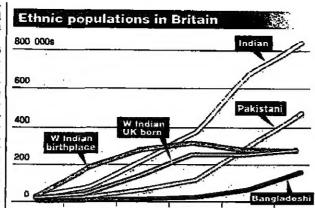
ing about the bad old days.

**Gary Younge** 

collar workers with profes-sional qualifications." said the study's author. Ceri Peach, of Oxford university. "The Jewish future seems

to be coming about for the indian population and to an extent for the Pakistani popula-tion, although not for the Bangladeshis." There was evidence among black Caribbeans of "a gender divide be-tween the white collar. female, socio-economic structure and the male manual structure. Certainly the model of the African-American ghetto has not come about".

The 1991 census, which asked people about their ethnic identity for the first time, revealed Britain's ethnic minorities mostly consist of post-war immigrants and their children. Their numbers are small — around 3.5 most evident among the black as Brent and Croydon. million or 5.5 per cent of the Caribbeans, with a signifi-population — but rapidly cant flight during the 1980s growing with in some cases a from London's inner city



areas such as Lambeth. Tot tenham and North Kensing-ton to London suburbs such The highest concentration scribing themselves this way of black Caribbeans is in in the census. Professor Peach

live in high concentration "ethnic villages". particularly in West Yorkshire, the West Midlands, and east London. There is a high level of mixed black Caribbean and white households, accounting for up to a third of black households. Single mothers account for 37 per cent of house-holds. There is also increasing evidence of the emergence of a black British identity, with more than 70,000 people de-

Brent, north London, rather says the black population is

flats into council housing. Nearly half own their homes.

The black Caribbean popu-

communities do, however,

than the more traditional hard working but disadvan-areas of Brixton or Padding-ton. Over the past 30 years rates more than double the white average.

ton. Over the past 30 years families have generally moved out of privately rented The study says the key social differences between the ethnic groups lie in their pat-terns of family life: "The Indians, Pakistanis, Bangladeshis lation is far more integrated than in the United States. The and Chinese show traditional family patterns. Single person households are rare. There are few ethnically [mixed] Pakistani and Bangladeshi and single parent households, while extended families are significant. Self employment

is above average.
"The black groups have a more open and assimilated social structure. Single parent households with dependent children are com-mon. Ethnically mixed house holds are frequent and multi-family households are rare."

Ethnicity in the 1991 Census; Office for National Statistics,

gest and fastest growing community of about

☐ INDIANS: The largest official ethnic minority numbering 840,000 with 41 per cent born in the UK. About 17 per cent born in East Africa. More than half live in the South-east and its social class is skewed towards the upper echelor of white collar work and semi-skilled manual work. □ PAKISTANIS: About 477,000 people mostly liv-ing in West Yorkshire, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Scotland. Sixty per cent of households are married couples with children. Men work in distribu-tion and catering industries and in self-

taxi-driving.

D BANGLADESHIS: Youn-163,000 with more than 60 per cent of family house holds containing five or

#### **Profiles**

employment, particular

more people.

□ BLACK CARIBBEAN: A population of half a million.

70 per cent of whom live in London and Birmingham. Has matured from a first generation immigrant population to a British-born majority. High levels of mixed black Caribbean and white households and eviraised in a landowning family in Jamaica, it felt like another planet. "There was no privacy. You could hear evolution to the planet." There was no privacy. You could hear evolution to the planet. "There was no privacy. You could hear evolution to the planet." It is wrong when people try and move too far away from another still at college. It is wrong when people try and move too far away from another still at college. Standing in the middle of Caribbean Family organisation, which offers support and black British identity.

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Uganda, Kenya and South Africa. The most qualified ethnic group with a quarter of the adult population possessing higher

#### just at the end of the road. No matter where you go your colour goes with you. I think where she bought her home. Advertising's bad boy tries to dispel fear of Aids by bringing grim reality to art gallery in 'conceptual documentary'

troubling you."

At the time she was one of the few black people in the

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When my son was 15 the

National Front beat him up

## Dan Glaister looks at a living creation

boy of the advertising world, has brought Aids to a London gallery.

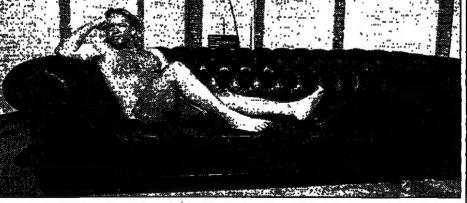
The centrepiece of Don't Be Scared is three HIV positive young Americans lounging nude on a black sofa, with samples of their blood in phials on a

Beside them a notice reads, "Don't Be Scared by
Tony Kaye. Please touch."
"I call it conceptual documentary expressionism,"

I call it conceptual documentary expressionism,"

ONY Kaye, the naughty | said Mr Kaye, who gave us the Michelin sado-masochist commercial and the Vauxhall

advertisement. "I was in a museum looking at all these inaccessible pieces of art in glass cases, and they all had little plaques next to them saying 'Please do not touch'. I thought I'd do a project on



from one end to the other giv-

ing a roll call of her neigh-bours' ethnic origins. "It's

like the United Nations here.

The one in the corner is white, next door is Polish,

then Chinese, Guyanese, Ja-maican, English and that one

Ms Bernard, a trained

is from Ghana."

Live art . . . Tony Kaye's latest offering, featuring three HIV positive young Americans

HIV positive models and stood them outside the Museum of Modern Art in New York. From there the show went to a hotel in Los Angeles, before coming to Lon-

Quieter life : . . Gee Bernard outside her home in Thornton Heath, south London

education.

officer of the Croydon race

equality committee, says some black people have

their children get a decent

Ms Bernard's children are

all grown up and all have steady professional jobs,

apart from the one who has

Mr Kaye advertised for | three models who flew in from Los Angeles for the London show, said he did not feel inhibited about appearing nude in an exhibi-tion. "Being HIV Positive es, before coming to Lon-lon.

Glenn Gaylord, one of the distribution was just a new challenge."

The three, who are not being paid for their appearwill take turns sitting on the sofa for the next three weeks, before the show goes to Amsterdam Mr Kave rejected the charge that this was merely

PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN ARGLES

advice to black families in the

area. While Thornton Heath is not paradise, she believes

she now has a far superior

quality of life. 'It's not that

some of the same problems

might not arise that affected

me on the estate. But you are a little bit more sheltered

from them when they do."

his latest attempt to publicise himself. "Everyone tries to sell themselves in some sort of way," he said.
"I'm taking the energy from myself and trying to put it to some good. Per-haps someone will see this and the next time they make love they'll wear a Mr Gaylord agreed that

he was being exploited. "It's totally exploitative for what is hopefully a good end," he said. Tom Lawson of the Aids charity and of the Aids charity and campaigning group the Terrence Higgins Trust welcomed the exhibition. "It's aggressive, in your face, with naked people and blood, and yet it's safe," he said. "If it gets people to confront their phobias about Aids then it is a good thing."

The exhibition Don't Be Scared is in St John's Square, near Smithfield, London, until June 29.

#### News in brief

## Drug smuggler's

THE 25-year jail sentence handed down to British woman Sandra Gregory by a court in Thailand has been cut by three years under an amnesty celebrating Thai King Bhumipol's golden jubilee, it was reported yesterday. Miss Gregory was sentenced four months ago after admitting trying to smuggle 89.6 grams of heroin in condoms through Bangkok airport.

Her friend, Jackie Cox, said yesterday that Miss Gregory was looking forward to being able to return to Britain to serve the rest of her sentence. Miss Gregory will be eligible to return to a British jail after serving four years of her sentence in Thailand.
"I think Sandra will be a little bit disappointed but at the end of the day amnesties are gifts and there is no requirement for prisoners to have their sentences reduced. Her real hope is a transfer back to Britain early next year."

#### Labour plans curfew trial

LABOUR is proposing a pilot scheme for a night-time curfew on children aged under 10, as suggested by Jack Straw, the shadow home secretary, last week. Estelle Morris, MP for Birmingham Yardley, and George Howarth, the shadow home affairs minister, will meet senior police efficers and residents in her constituency today to discuss how such an experiment could be implemented. The meeting will also include representatives from the Kidscape national children and parents charity. It is understood the proposed graffing result are force for the Kidscape to the force of the force posed curfew would run from 9pm to 7am.

The controverstal idea is aimed at curbing juvenile crime, "Unsupervised young children are vulnerable and at risk," Ms Morris said yesterday. "They also run the risk of being drawn into unacceptable behaviour and even being recruited by drug dealers and thieves. We already have local instances of young children hanging around with teenagers and being given alco-hol," she said.

#### **BBC** commentator dies

VETERAN sports commentator Alan Weeks, best known for his skating and ice hockey reporting, died early yesterday, aged 72. He had worked for the BBC for 45 years, putting his name among

the all-time greats of sports commentators. He was the voice for the biggest TV sports audience in Britain when 23 million viewers watched Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean just miss their second gold medal at the 1994 Winter

He commentated on 25 different sports, including speedway, gymnastics and weightlifting. His last event before retiring was the World Figure Skating Championships in Canada in March.

#### Rare birds 'under attack'

BRITAIN'S rare and protected birds of prey are being poisoned, shot, trapped and are having their nests destroyed and robbed in increasing numbers, according to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Gamekeepers trying to protect pheasants and grouse so they

can later be shot for sport are among the main offenders, but pigeon fanciers have been killing perigrine falcons and sperrow hawks because they are eating their racing birds. The total number of incidents reported in 1995 rose 50 per cent to 157 with shooting and illegal trapping being the largest increase. — Paul Brown

#### Beans for Russia

HEINZ has launched its world-famous baked beans on the Russian market and predicted yesterday that the country could ecome one of the top five bean eating countries.

But at the equivalent of 50p a can, they will be viewed as a huxury item by most Russians. Heinz believes they are most likely to appeal to Russia's newly-emerging middle class, who view paked beans as "an exotic western delicacy"

The move by Heinz followed an 18-month trial. A special Russian label was tested earlier this year and proved to be so popular that the company started full-scale production of Russian label beans for export.

#### Prince faces £1m tax bill

THE Prince of Wales is likely to face another £1 million income tax bill this year. His 1995 income from the Duchy of Cornwall, an estimated £3.9 million after tax.

In 1995 the prince received £4.898.889 from the Duchy of Cornwall, a 9.7 per cent rise on the previous year. Out of the duchy income, the prince must fund his and the Princess of Wales's office, and all aspects of their public and private lives, and of their children, as they do not receive money from the Civil List. As a crown body, the duchy is tax-exempt. Duchy income passed to the prince is, therefore, also tax-exempt. However, the prince volunteers to pay income tax, which is currently at 40 per cent.

#### Medium in moors body hunt

THE mother of Moors murder victim Keith Bennett will today take a medium on an anniversary hunt for his body. Winnie Johnson will make the pilgrimage to Saddleworth Moor, near Manchester, in the hope the psychic can discover Keith's grave on

what would have been his 44th birthday.

Mrs Johnson, aged 62, who has spent 32 years searching for the remains of her 12-year-old son said medium Teresa Walsh had given her fresh hope. The medium, from Moston, Manchester, had made contact after receiving messages from Keith asking her to find him, she said.

Mrs Johnson, from Fallowfield, Manchester, has visited the moor every year on Keith's birthday and the anniversary of his kidnap and murder by Myra Hindley and Ian Brady in summer,

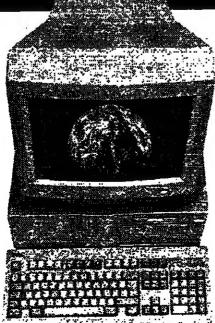
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## **Greek alert** after new **Aegean row**

armed forces on alert and said it will strengthen its war machine after accusing Turkey of undermining peace in the Aegean, where the two Nato allies almost exchanged blows in January. The prime minister. Costas Simitis, announced the measures vester-

day after a crisis meeting with senior military officials. Greece accused a Turkish warship of violating its territorial waters and sailing close to a Greek hydrofoil before heading back to the Turkish

coast in the southern Aegean.
"The two vessels came as close as 70 metres from each other, sailing on a parallel



side Greek waters. The Turk-ish warship then headed back ernment spokesman, Dimitris

He said that the incident took place between the is-lands of Kos and Rhodes, and

Abandoning his normally moderate tone, Mr Simitis said Athens would toughen its stance against Ankara by continuing to block European Union aid and increasing the country's arsenal.

Both, he declared, were aimed at fending off the threat of "systematic Turkish aggression" in the troubled

Tensions between the two feuding neighbours rose sharpiy last week after An-kara challenged Greece's

habited island south of Crete.
"Turkey systematically undermines stability in the region ... Our armed forces are in full readiness. Greece is determined to face these provocations with all means."
Mr Simitis said. Not since the Turkish inva-

sion of Cyprus in 1974 have bilateral relations been as Analysts in Athens said the

raised Greek fears that Ankara is poised to cast doubt on Aegean sea.
Populated mainly by fishermen, Gavdos lies some 250 miles south-east of the

Turkish coast, in sharp contrast to Imia, the barren fron tier islet whose disputed status triggered a tense air and naval stand-off between the two countries, five

months ago.

Echoing the concern, Nikos
Kouris, the deputy defence
minister, said: "It is clear that
Turkey is not only attempting to the the [1923] Lausanne Treaty. "In effect the hotheads of

Ankara are envisioning a return to the conditions that Athens would protest to Ankara. "Today's incident justifies our view that Turkish of the Ottoman empire]."



Sweeping progress . . . A French armoured vehicle clears mines yesterday at Sarajevo airport, expected to reopen in a few months after a four-year closure Photograph PKARD LARMA

# Bosnia sees justice being done

Televised coverage of the Hague tribunal may heal some wounds, writes Julian Borger in Sarajevo

ACH day from 10am to 6pm, the flicker-ing television set in the corner of the Krslaks' living room in Sarajevo has brought the Bosnian Muslim family some sort of justice, but little

The state-run national television channel binned its normal programming a month ago in favour of a live, daily, eight-hour feed from the United Nations war crimes tribunal in The Hague. For many elderly and unemployed, the painstaking un-ravelling of the war and its atrocities has become com-

pulsive viewing.
The murmur of bewigged lawyers and their Bosnian interpreters provides a constant backdrop to the Krslaks' daily routine. Occasionally, Sabiha Krsiak, a pensioner aged 64, sits by the screen to follow the cross-examination of a witness. But when her son, Ha- optimistic about the tribunal.

sib, enters the room she quickly changes channel or might be achieved". The conswitches the set off.

Hasib cannot stand the sight of the pristine Hague courtroom. In July 1993, when he was aged 20, he was cap-tured by the Bosnian Serbs and spent the next 13 months in a series of prison camps in eastern Bosnia, where he was beaten and tortured with live electric cables.

Even in the unlikely event that the 58 war crimes sus-pects indicted by the Hague tribunal were all arrested and sent to jail, it would not be enough for Hasib. 'It only annoys me, because

I know what happened and I know these people won't be punished as they deserve," he said. "Even death isn't enough Nobody can do to them what they did to me." Hasib's parents are wary and respectful of his simmering anger, but a shade more

tech, sterilised chamber and the Krslaks' scruffy, half-gutted block of flats in New Sarajevo reassures her that a pro-fessional job is being done.

The last witness she saw questioned was Ed Vulliamy, a Guardian journalist who de-

Amir Ibrovic, the Inter-news Sarajevo office manager, cites an opinion poll on federation territory. Of those questioned, 62 per cent said

reconciliation would be possible if war criminals were brought to justice. Only 26 per cent thought it possible with

broadcasts, is convinced jus-tice has to be seen to be done

if Bosnia's ethnic divides are

ever to heal

We hear Karadzic and other leaders are watching; it brings home what they did'

scribed his 1992 visit to the I Omarska prison camp where a Bosnian Serb reserve police officer, Dusko Tadic (the first suspect to stand trial); is accused of torturing and kill-

ing inmates.
"I think what this journal ist did will do some good. It will remind people what happened there," Sabiha said. Internews, the United ings were closed to the cam-

Mr Ibrovic, a former lawsee the prosecution asking the real questions about what

happened, it will make a difference to people." So far, the Tadic trial has focused on the background to the war. But yesterday, prison camp victims began giving evidence. The hear-

States-based media organisa eras to protect the witnesses. criminals are going to be artion which has arranged the The project has enough rested." Maria Blacque Befunds from donors, including the Hungarian-born financier George Soros, to keep broadcasting until the end of July.

After that, Internews hopes
the Dutch government will

keep the project going until the end of the Tadic trial expected in October — and allow it to cover special hear-ings on the Bosnian Serb leaders Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic. They are due to start on June 27 and are expected to lead to the issuing of international arrest warrants.

The Internews team in The Hague produces a two-hour summary of each day's testimony, with English-language and Bosnian soundtracks on different channels, broadcast each night by an independent Sarajevo station, TVX.

The English version is aimed at the Nato soldiers and diplomats who have

flooded into Bosnia to implement the Dayton accord.
"It's foreigners who are going to make the important deShe hopes to help "sensitise" the international community to the scale of the crimes, and maintain pressure on Nato to track down the 52 suspects still at large.

The Internews team is also fairly certain its broadcasts have a third audience. "We have heard from good sources that Karadzic and the rest of the Bosnian Serb leaders are watching." Mr Ibrovic said. "I think it's bringing them the reality of what they did and what they should expect." Bosnia's mainly-Muslim

government will extradite two indicted war criminals to jevo newspaper reported yes-terday. "The decision to extradite [Hazim] Delic and [Esad] Landzo was made by the Bosnian supreme court. the federal deputy justice minister, Dzemal Husic, was quoted as saying.

The men, in jail in Sara-jevo, are accused of crimes in a concentration camp in cisions, like whether the war southern Bosnia.

## **Germany feels** Czech hatred

Suspicions about Bonn's plans have reopened old sores.

**lan Traynor** finds in Prague

HE menacing German eagle clutches the small defenceless Czech Republic in its talons. This vicious image of a predatory Germany overwhelming its weak, vulnerable neighbour has been defacing the streets of Prague for weeks.

The election poster comes courtesy of the extreme right-wing Czech nationalists, the Republicans, whose leader Miroslav Sladek has been peddling lurid allegations about German intentions and calling for the expulsion of more than a hundred thou-

sand romanies. Mr Sladek remains a frings figure in Czech politics, but in this month's general election he took 8 per cent of the vote and upped his parliamentary presence from 14 to 18 in the

200-seat legislature. Even if the Czechs are too sober and sensible to reward him further, his anti-German rhetoric still strikes a chord

among a people wary and fearful of the Germans. Hostility seems to be grow-ing. Opinion polls found that in 1995 42 per cent of Czechs thought relations with Germany were bad, contrasting with 22 per cent the year be-fore. Those who thought rela-tions were all right fell from 68 per cent in 1994 to 45 per cent last year.

Germany is the biggest for eign investor in the Czech Republic, with around 28 per cent of the total investment. It also leads the league table of foreign companies forming joint ventures locally, while the last five years have seen an influx of millions of Ger-

#### When Mr Klaus visited Bonn last February, Mr Kohl snubbed him

man tourists invading the meman tourists invaning the medieval beauty of old Prague.
As a result, fleecing the foreigner, particularly the German, has become the national

man, has become the hadronar sport. A taxi ride for a Ger-man tourist in the centre of Prague routinely involves an 800 per cent surcharge. "This is becoming the Ger-man economy's backyard." Jan Mladek, a Prague economist, said. Western consultants in the booming Czech

A poll surveying attitudes towards German economic influence here found that 48 per tria region at the end of the cent viewed it as malign in war.

1995, up nine points on the previous year. Those against German economic investment outstripped those in favour

by 9 per cent.
A Prague student who spent several days driving around the city in a German-regisby the rudeness and routine hostility he encountered.

"I would never have be lieved my people were so anti-German, but now I'm seeing it from the outside rather than the inside and it is quite amazing," he said. Anecdotal evidence of fear

and loathing is all-pervasive on the streets, with abundant stories of how Germans who used to live here want to come back and strip the Czecha of their weekend cottages and holiday homes.

A taxi ride for a German routinely involves an 800 per cent surcharge

But the tensions go all the way to the top. Even the prime minister. Vaclav Klaus, seldom misses an opportunity to have a dig at

Chancellor Helmut Kohl. When Mr Klaus visited Bonn last February, Mr Kohl snubbed him. They have not met for four years. And while he is keen to take the Czech Republic into the European Union, Mr Klaus is the loud-est Euro-sceptic in post-com-

munist central Europe. Last week he told the German magazine Der Spiegel
that he could imagine that Mr
Kohl was not "particularly
happy with my view" after attacking his Euro-federalist vision and denouncing ambi-tions of a "homo Europaeus".

Czech-German rivalries go back to medieval times, to 19th century nationalism and to the second world war when the Nazis occupied and parti-

tioned the country.

The Czechs took their revenge in 1945-46, expelling 3 million Sudeten Germans who had inhabited the region for centuries.

That conflict remains unre-

solved, which means the Czechs are the only neigh-bour with whom Germany still has not patched up war

Following Bavarian de-mands for Czech concessions mands for Czech concessions two weeks ago, which were angrily spurned by Mr Klaus, Prague is buzzing with specu-lation that Bonn will seek to blackmail the Czechs by hin-dering their EU negotiations until they fall into line.

For more than a year, the

Italians did just that with the Slovenes because of a dispute over the property claims of Italians forced to leave the Iswe believe it's a pledge that has to be adhered to. It's sions above the strict levels perfectly feasible."

**US hints that Nato forces** could remain after deadline

Reuter in Washington

PEACEKEEPING troops may be asked to stay on in Bosnia after the Nato-led implementation force completes its one-year mandate there, a senior United States official

said yesterday.
Assistant secretary of state John Kornblum, the US administration's chief co-ordinator for Bosnia policy, said it was "possible, maybe even likely, that there will be other missions" in Bosnia when the

mandate ends in December. But he said it was too early to speculate on what the missions might be, or whether troops or civilians would be asked to carry them out.

Mr Kornblum dismissed as "just speculation or private views ... not necessarily an official position" a Washington Post report that a consen sus was growing among senior Nato officials that a substantial Nato follow-on force would be likely to pairol the former Yugoslavia well into 1997.

## Swedes prepare to stay nuclear

Jon Henley in Helsinki

Sready to break its grandest environmental promise — an historic commitment to be rid of nuclear power by 2010 - as its lofty green ambitions col-lide with economic reality.
"I don't think that date is holy any more," said Ha-kan fleden, a senior civil servant at the energy ministry. "It hurts them to say it, but most parties see that it's impossible. Now they need to find a politically ac-

ceptable compromise." Swedes voted overwhelmingly in favour of phasing out their nuclear industry in a landmark referendum held after the 1979 radia-tion scare at Three Mile Island in the United States.
But the 12 reactors provide nearly half the country's electricity.

Fears were compounded by the Chernobyl disaster of 1986, when radioactive clouds inflicted long-term damage on Sweden's lakes and forests. Some 200,000

people in a recent poll said worries about the fallout still affected their lifestyle and diet. "People are very con-cerned about our reactors," said Marianne Samuelson of the opposition Green party. "Many think the deadline is important, and

But the minority Social Democrat government, while in principle commit-WEDEN is getting ted to the deadline, faces almost insurmountable obstacles to a full phase-out

by 2010. Despite opposition from environmentalists, the prime minister. Goran Persson, last week began talks with political leaders aimed at finding crossparty support for postponing or staggering the operation — and preventing it becoming an election issue next year.

The astronomical cost of

meeting a pledge made in the prosperous 1980s has frightened a government committed to slashing spending by £20 billion over the next few years. A parliamentary commis

sion put the lowest basic cost of nuclear decommissioning at about £9 billion, and double that if non-fossil fuels are the alternative. Compensation may also have to be paid to power plant owners, and no econ-

omist has yet quantified the knock-on effects of higher power bills on Sweden's core forestry, iron and chemical industries.
Ironically. Sweden's green credentials are also at risk from an early run-down of nuclear power. A switch to natural gas — the most obvious and techni-cally viable alternative —

would raise harmful emis-

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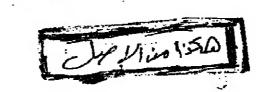
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# Angola faces chaos as soldiers return to soil

## Ill-funded mass demobilisation is a disaster in the making, writes Victoria Brittain in Luanda

the failure.

EVENTY thousand men are due to be demobilised in Angola the international community were overin the coming weeks, threatening to destabilise further this tense and divided country. Banditry is already rife in three key areas, according to the senior United Nations military official in the country, while in the capital, Luanda, car theft and mugging are endemic.

Half of the men to be demobilised are from the government army (the FAA), and the other half from the Unita opposition movement. Many of the latter are not soldiers, UN officials report, but men and boys caught up in the Unita kidnapping sweeps through towns and villages that are still going on.

Very different solutions to the problems of demobilisation are being put forward by the FAA, Unita, the Angolan government and the international community. But a decision has to be made fast.

The formation of the new army is being pushed forward at speed by the FAA. Demobilisation must follow immediately, as the UN's responsibility ends for feeding the former soldiers in quartering

Demobilisation in 1992, before the elections, was chaotic, with daily riots in QAs, hostage-taking of interna-tional staff and wholesale ister of planning. Pedro de Morais, the country lacks the resources for so ambitious a "We lack the funds, but also

the human resources to organise it - this lack of capacity is Angola's critical problem. Mr De Morais said.

according to the former min-

tional community were overwhelmed and discredited by The alternative UN plan, at No one, other than Unita.

wants to repeat it, but indecision is setting the scene for one-tenth of the cost, would release the men individually from the QAs, transport them sion is setting the scene for something equally disastrous, according to senior officials. The FAA proposed an ambitious and expensive plan, costing an estimated \$800 million to place to where they want to live, and supply them with a kit of tools and seeds and some money for the first six

National rehabilitation projects drawn up by the govern-ment and the UN Development Programme would give them work. "Personally, I think a sol-

#### 'A soldier is not a farm worker; two weeks out of the army, he's a potential bandit'

lion (£522 million), to place

the 70,000 men in a fourth

"The fundamental idea was to keep them under military

branch of the army.

For between two and four years, they would work on national rehabilitation, build a house for themselves on their own land, and grow crops which the FAA would initially guarantee to buy.
"We need to control them

until they are really civilians. not leave them uncontrolled to become bandit groups,"

The fourth branch is the only real means of getting people back to the land and theft of food and equipment. | starting food production. But

discipline until they were reintegrated into society." said General Joao Matos, the will immediately sell the kit, then spend the money wast. then spend the money, wasting it because he has no experience of budgeting for him-self — in two weeks he's a potential bandit," Gen Matos

> The record in the region is not encouraging. General Philip Sibanda, the UN commander in Angola, said:
> "From our experience, demobilising from the QAs is not a
> good idea — it almost created
> a disaster for us in Zimbabwe.
> They need an organization to They need an organisation to

The Mozambican presider Joaquim Chissano, last month gave Gen Matos a similar warning after months of civil disorder during demobilisation there.

But donors insist the fourth branch is too expensive and would give too much power to the military. They insist that it should be voluntary, and should be run under the aus welfare.

Yet the ministry, like the rest of the civilian adminis tration, is on its knees. Sala ries with no value have driven qualified people out of the civil service. Those who remain are handicapped by a lack of resources.

The homeless young, the old, the limbless, the mentally ill, have visibly fallen through whatever safety nets remain. There is no organisational capacity for the huge task of demobilisation and

into civilian life,
Unita opposes the fourth
branch. Its leader, Jonas Savimbi, has told western diplothe dignity of his soldiers. In a recent interview to the French newspaper Le Figaro, in his stronghold of Andulo, plans to support his men in

their new lives. With Unita's diamond and coffee riches, Mr Savimbi could afford a political ges-ture for his own men which would both embarrass and destabilise the FAA and the govfunded efforts. look after them for several reinforcing Unita's prestige



Wanting a hand . . . Bangladesh Nationalist Party leader and former prime minister, Khaleda Zia, greets supporters in Dhaka before elections today. She resigned on March 30, after two years of opposition strikes, but is standing again. President Abdur Rahman Biswas has dismissed claims he might manipulate results to favour her PHOTOGRAPH: JOHN MOORE

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# Court nears last



Alice Martin reports from Addis Ababa on the war crimes trial of Colonel Mengistu (above) and former Ethiopian leaders

RAMATIC new details about the mysterious death of Emperor Haile Selassie in 1975 emerged yesterday during a war crimes trial in Ethiopia.

toldthat Selassie, who ruled Ethiopia for more than 50 years, was driven from his palace on September 12, 1974. in a Volkswagen Beetle never to be seen in public

again.
The first public account of the emperor's death came from two of the attendants who stayed with him in custody. They were brought in to see his dead body on the morning of August 26 1975.

"There was a smell of ether in gistu, who fied to Zimbabwe in 1991 — being tried in their specific."

not lying in his usual posi-tion. He only had one pillow. The shawl that he wrapped himself in when he went to sleep was lying in another part of the room. His face was ghastly and there was a ban-dage around his neck."

The witness described how he had been with the emperor until 9pm the previous eve-ning, when soldiers came to

it not true Ethiopia that I Qom. The group is said by have strived for you? He fell on his knees and prayed.

Later I realised that these tary training by Iran's Revowere his last words to me." A third witness described how Colonel Haile Mariam Mengistu, who had assumed leadership of the country's new 120 member military

council, the Dergue, ordered a number of graves to be dug in the grounds of the Grand Pal-ace where the military had its beadquarters. The emperor, he said, was buried under Col Mengistu's

office window.
"I was worried he would kill me," the gravedigger told the court, "but he lit a cigarette for me and told me to trial in Ethiopia.

The trial, which is considering evidence of alleged atrocities committed during minutes while he watched from the window. Then he or a construct a building on the site. I did it in two

weeks."
The discovery of thousands
of bones in similar graves has given Ethiopia's special pros-ecutor's office ample evidence to bring charges against the Dergue, but these are the first eyewitness accounts incrimi-nating the council's surviving members.

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## Banrain piot 'is words of Selassie led from Qom'

Kathy Evens in Bahrain

IZBULLAN passaged Iranian group alleged to be behind a conspir-IZBULLAH Bahram, an acy to overthrow the island's government, is guided by a Bahraini cleric based in Iran's boly city of Qom, ac-cording to foreign security officials on the island.

take him away.

"His majesty came from his bed and when he saw what was happening tears came to his eyes and he cried out. Is it not true Ethiomia that I tary training by Iran's Revo-lutionary Guards. Bahraini Shia who wanted

to become clerics formerly studied in the Iraqi boly city of Najaf. But the Iran-Iraq war and the sanctions which followed the invasion of Kuwait forced many to travel to Qom instead.

Today, Shia religious au-thorities say that about 250 Bahrainis study in Qom. under the guidance of senior ayatollahs including Sheikh Issa al Qassem. These stu-dents form the core of the leadership of Hizbullah Bahrain, say informed sources.

Members of Shia religious circles in Bahrain said yester-

Bahrain's foreign minister, Sheikh Mohammed bin Mubarak, denied this, "Those who have not been part of ac-tivities against the government are free to return, but those who have will face in-vestigation," he said. Sources add, however, that the Qom-led faction is only

part of a labyrinth of networks leading back to Iran. Officials also point to the Is-lamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain, which has offices in Tehran and Damascus. Bahrain's recent allegation of a conspiracy against its government followed the round-up of 56 Islamic mili-tants in Bahrain in recent

months. Of them, six confessed on television to receiv-ing money and military training in Iran and Lebanon.
Observers have noted inconsistencies in the confessions and lawyers have suggested that broadcasting the statements gives grounds for declaring a mistrial. "By law, you cannot publish people's

names or their pictures until they have been convicted," said one Bahraini lawyer. Foreign observers say that the nipping in the bud of an Iranian-backed conspiracy is unlikely to stem unrest. and it is not likely to touch day that the Qom-based stu-dents were now banned from for democracy." said one returning home. However, | senior foreign official.

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## Selective statistics

Few believe the good times are really here

IS THE "feel-bad factor" based on a sources of insecurity leading to an inmyth? William Waldegrave, Chief Sec ability to get a 25-year mortgage. retary to the Treasury, clearly thinks so. In a pre-electoral salvo yesterday, he made an impassioned defence against Labour claims that the recovery had only generated poor quality, insecure jobs at low wages. He argued that more than half of the jobs created during the last upturn had been at above average earnings and that 21 per cent were in professions with average hourly earnings 1.7 times above the average. Far from being mainly part-time or temporary, he said, 60 per cent of new UK jobs since autumn 1993 had been permanent and 53 per cent full-time.

The first of these claims is hardly surprising. The big worry about the economy in the UK is the long-run collapse of unskilled jobs tied to simultaneous worries that we are inadequately equipping our workers for the new skilled jobs associated with the information technology revolution. The immediate problem is not that the digital revolution isn't throwing up new jobs for those with the appropriate skills but that the prospects for the less skilled - particularly the 10.6 per cent

of unemployed males — is still dismal. Mr Waldegrave's second claim — that 53 per cent of new jobs since autumn 1993 have been full-time — sits uneasily with the statistics in the Government's own Labour Market Trends. These show that since September 1993 the entire 300,000 increase in employment was caused by a rise in part-time employment. But, let's not quibble about statistics. Even if Mr Waldegrave's fig-ures are correct they are only part of the story. According to research done by the Employment Institute, three quarters of all full-time jobs created since the current recovery started have involved temporary contracts. Such

Mr Waldegrave is correct to say that the amount of time someone stays in a job has changed little since the 1970s. This is one of a number of myths about the labour market. Others are that there has been a recent explosion of part-time working. There hasn't. The trend can be traced back a long time and was actually stronger three decades ago than it is now. Most people working part-time do so because they want to not because they are forced to. Nor is "downsizing" a new cult (the coal in-dustry which now employs 20,000 people used to have over a million on its books). Not even Japan has lifetime employment. Contrary to mythology fewer than 10 per cent of Japanese workers end up in the same company they started with.

The Government's micro-economic reforms to the labour market - like making it easier to hire and fire employees — have undoubtedly contributed to job insecurity, but not as much as macro-economic policy. The two unnecessarily sharp recessions at the start and end of the 1980s needlessly threw hundreds of thousands out of work, including middle-managers. They sent shock waves through the rest of the population, who suddenly felt insecure even if they had longstanding jobs. Those still without a job remain depressed while those forced to "downtrade" to new jobs deemed inferior are also unhappy. The recent period of stable economic policy, aided by the involuntary restoration of the pound's lost competitiveness, has helped to generate more jobs in Britain than in most of the rest of Europe. That's good. But memories of the two recent recessions are too strong to persuade employees that the good times are here to stay. It contracts suit the lifestyle of some, but | will need more than Mr Waldegrave's for many they are one of the main selective use of statistics to do that.



Who rules the Conservatives — Major or Goldsmith?

RUSSIA, said Talleyrand, is always too | one in three Tory MPs is impervious to strong and too weak at the same time. party discipline, so incorrigible is their The same could be said about the Conservative Europhobes, who have proved once again that they are too strong to be defeated but too weak to be victorious. The result, as the Commons vote on Bill Cash's Referendum Bill showed yesterday, is that the Conservative Party is permanently conditioned to division. If Labour had sat down and designed an excruciating death by torture for the Government, it would be hard put to better this self-inflicted

Tory agony over Europe.

It is difficult to believe that this is a party which trails somewhere between 20 and 30 points in the polls and is only months away from a general election. In such circumstances, mere self-preservation would normally demand that any party - especially one which used to be dubbed the most successful European political party of the 20th century would have avoided such public auto-humiliations. Yet that impulse seems to have been thrown overboard by John Major's party. Once again, about a third of Conservative backbenchers have defied all electoral selfinterest and voted expressly against the Government. Yesterday 74 Tories supported Mr Cash. Two months ago, 66 voted for Iain Duncan Smith's similar | sion as a sign of weakness. He is out for effort on the European Court of Justice. | more, and the Europhobes are his will-A year ago, 89 voted for John Redwood ing lieutenants. Who runs the Conseragainst Mr Major. It is academic to try | vative Party — the elected John Major to show whether the rebel numbers are or the unelected Sir James Goldsmith? on the rise or the slide. The point is that It is increasingly hard to tell.

hostility to the party leader and his policy over Europe.

Moving his bill yesterday, Mr Cash said that the question at issue was who governs Britain and how. Theoretically perhaps, but since the bill stands absolutely no chance of making political progress, the real question is not who governs Britain but who governs the Conservative Party. Any party which seriously seeks electoral victory would not allow itself to parade its divisions in this way. But the Conservative Party is in the grip of both a panic and a delusion. The panic makes many of its MPs try to make terms with the preda-tory figure of Sir James Goldsmith. The delusion makes those MPs imagine that an ever more hostile attitude to the European Union provides the way to electoral salvation.

Mr Major said at Question Time yesterday that Sir James is not going to change the Government's policy. That is demonstrably untrue. Mr Major runs before the wind. He has not only shifted to suit the Europhobes; he has also committed himself to a referendum on monetary union, partly in an attempt to spike Sir James's guns. But Sir James is the kind of man who sees a conces-

## The public has a right to know

A full inquiry into the scandal of child abuse is needed

seems, we are denying them public redress. The second scandal is almost as big as the first. In the first, hundreds of children believed to be "at risk" were removed from their parents only to be abused — sexually, physically and men-tally — by adults in residential homes in which they were placed. Now reports into such abuse will be withheld unless ministers intervene. An inquiry into Clwyd's residential homes — where 100 children, of whom 12 subsequently died, were sexually abused over 20 years — was withheld earlier this year because of legal advice and an insurance company. Lawyers warned about the ammunition which the report would provide for victims claiming compensation; the insurance company threatened to withdraw its cover. To its shame, the county council complied.
Only a leak to the Independent exposed the catalogue of complaints which the | ing less will do.

FIRST we stole their childhood. Now, it | council had ignored. Now, as we report in G2, a new series of prosecutions has begun in Cheshire - allegedly involving three times the number of children as Clywd -- in which six care workers have already been imprisoned with nine more trials due to begin.

Ministers met yesterday to discuss the issue. They will have been told the abuse happened a long time ago, which is true. Most of the cases involve the 1970s or early 1980s. They will have been told residential care has changed, which is also true. The emphasis is now on fostering. They will have been told of new residential management and training initiatives introduced by a succession of reports — Warner, Howe, the Beck inquiry. But the public — and the victims - have a right to know the facts. We need a public inquiry, which will ignore insurers and lawyers, and set out the full national picture. Noth-



Letters to the Editor

## Paedophiles in power

ers, June 6) raises the accountability of the press and the be-haviour of rich, influential and powerful men able to call upon others in positions of au-thority to protect them — or, in the case of the Church, pro-

vide "sanctuary".

Those working in the field who make mistakes resulting in the demise of children, or cause them to suffer at the hands of abusers, need to be publicly criticised. As a pro-fession, we must not be overly defensive when taken to task. I was a member of the inquiry penel which looked into the circumstances surrounding the untimely death of Jasmine Beckford. In such a case, public criticism of individual pro-fessionals was, in my view, justifiable.

But in these, as well as more recent cases such as Orkney and Cleveland, we have seen an increasingly disturbing tendency to criticise not only the individual, but also the whole of the social-work profession along with the entire practice of child protection.

Jon Snow, by putting the smphasis on people in high places, is communing what many of us in the field know and has been confirmed in, for example, Kincora: that paedo-philes are able to walk away thorities simply do not have Cheshire SKS 2AJ.

In God's name

MORI, when commissioned by the British Humanist

Association, comes up with a

figure of 43 per cent of the population who say they be-lieve in God (Mark Lawson,

June 10); yet, when commis-sioned by the Church of Eng-

land, it comes up with 88 per

cent, as you reported last month. This strongly suggests

that Gallup — who were not commissioned by anyone — has probably got the figure

right with 61 per cent.
Of rather more interest is
the fact that the majority of
these "believers" do not be-

lieve in the traditional per-

sonal creator God of Chris-tianity, but in an "impersonal

life-force". Hence they are de-ists not theists. When one adds to this the fact that all

the specific Christian beliefs

are now held by no more than

one-fifth of the population, it is clear that this is no longer

a Christian country.
(Dr) Colin Campbell.

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ON SNOW'S column from justice because of their about child abuse (True power and influence. Why is the press unwilling to tell what it knows about successful people in politics and busi-ness? And how does it justify dealing with child abuse as a series of separate disasters caused by blundering, low-paid social workers? Ben Brown.

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ON Snow is right to pro-test about a system in which "low-waged, ill-moti-vated people" work long hours with unloved and troubled youngsters. Even perents find problems in understanding and helping them during their more troubled and difficult years. How then can anyone, however dedicated but without this special bond, be ex-pected to understand and care for the most seriously trou-bled children in our society? Until Caldecott College

opened in 1933 there were no nationally-recognised courses for staff who desperately want to be trained, to be recognised as specialist practitioners and to give some hope back to their recognised. their young people. The 1992 Warner Report identified lack of funding as the major ob-

movement? Ros Coward's

article (A man's gotta work on

his inner self. June 10) is just

the latest in a long line of slights to find a place in your

pages on the mostly honour-able attempts by men, initially

alone, but sometimes now

together with women, to re-create some sense of worth

and meaning in the wasteland

Through re-connection with

myth and story — amongst other avenues — the mytho-poetic "wing" of the men's

ment" and the democratically

elected, but suppressed, gov-ernment as the "opposition". Do that on WS and your audi-

In addition, programme costs in Bush House are a small fraction of those for domestic radio. For instance,

WS's flagship science programme Science in Action had a weekly budget for contributors and travel costs of about

that masquerades as society.

the money. Therefore the Bar-oness Faithfull Memorial Scholarship Fund has been es-tablished to provide social workers with the specialist training needed if Jon Snow's agenda is to be addressed. Andrew Hardwick.

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WE ARE solicitors co-ordinating the claims of some 93 complainants of child abuse whilst in care in the North-west, and we read John Snow's column with consider able interest. The complaints date from 1965 through to 1994, and involve four children's homes in Cheshire and Merseyside. To this extent, there is some similarity with the North Wales cases

the North Wales cases.

However, Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, is currently refusing to call a public inquiry into what is believed to be the largest paedophile ring in Britain. It is our belief that a public inquiry would be the quickest way to flesh out the evidence and from the victims point of view, would be the best way to treat these extremely sensitive matters. tremely sensitive matters. Peter W A Garsden.

## Why the bill is divorced from the reality of family breakdown

brought to an end with mini-mum distress to the parties and the children.

But the bill as now amended provides that, in the course of the divorce process, the par-ties must wait for significant periods of time between one stage and another. Where there are children under 16, they will amount to a total of 221/2 months. That is a very long time in the life of a young child.

In most cases, the adult decision to divorce will have been preceded by unhappiness in the home, of which the children will have been only too well aware. It is asking a great deal of them if, after that, they have to wait for al-most two years before they can get started on their new lives. It is bound to be a stressful time, which can only be detrimental to their welfare. Of course the parties must have proper time to think through the consequences of a divorce or to save their marriage wherever possible. But this must be balanced against the interests of the children,

THE first clause of the Family Law Bill states a findamental principle that a marriage which has irretrievably broken down should be ignore that of the children. If Parliament is to ensure that the first principle is upheld and that children suffer only amendments, and the time-scale they have produced, must be reconsidered and revised.

Dame Margaret Booth. Former High Court Judge. Sarab Bowler. Chief executive, Relate. Christopher Clulow. Director, Tavistock Marital Thelma Fisher. Director, National Family Philip Graham. Chairperson, National Children's Bureau. J Harding. Chief executive, NSPCC.

Valerie Howarth. Executive director, ChildLine. Elizabeth Lawson. Chairman, Family Law Bar Association.

Penny Mansfield. Director, One Plus One... Claire Rayner.

Tom White. Chief executive, NCH Action much as they can visualise.

The amendments to the bill, c/o 15 Wellington House, extending the divorce process | Eton Road, London NW3 4SY.

## Over now to the sports round-up

regard they have for their wider public and the game it-self, and demonstrates how far they have been stampeded by the panic of professionalism. It would seem obvious that if northern-hemisphere rugby is to have any chance of matching the standards set by New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, all the home nations need the resources to produce worthwhile competition one

for the other.

The inadvisability of one-off matches in the southern hemisphere has already been demonstrated by the England soc-cer squad's Far East debacle. John Cameron.

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N 1991, the Rugby Football Union advertised the World Cup to bring the game to the attention to the masses. The Sky deal has alienated all those interested who have not got a dish. The RFU is suptied the queen attends Epsom. posed to act in the interest of all those it represents. At no time have I been asked London NI9 3NA.

THE selfish stance of the whether or not I would like to bosses of English rugby watch English rugby on satellite. I'm not lining the pockets ham, June 11) shows how little of an Australian just to watch watch English rugby on satel-lite. I'm not lining the pockets of an Australian just to watch England play. Rich Scott. 2 Church Close, Yatton,

North Somerset BS19 4HG.

AIN Randall (Letters, June the organisers of Euro 96 lead. ing to huge areas of empty seating. The day could still be saved if the FA announced that unsold tickets could be bought at the turnstile for a nominal fee, say a fiver, to anyone over 60 or still at school. That way more fans could join in the fun, the world might be reassured that the English care about the game and the FA could make a handsome donation to the Hillsborough victims' fund. Dave Burnham. 122 Hardy Mill Road, Harwood, Bolton BL2 3PJ.

WEMBLEY. Euro 96. The biggest sporting event on this island for 30 years. And

## John Birt and the Burma factor

This is your inner self calling

HAT is it with the movement has struggled to Guardian and the men's confront and heal racial and

YOUR Diary (June 5) im-plies that Wembley Central station may change its name. We are looking to finance improvements at our stations, and one way of rais-OHN Tusa, my last boss as a senior producer and reporter in the World Service ing this is through a third party. Naturally any com-pany prepared to invest in such improvements will want something in return in the form of advertising. Newspapers thrive on it. This does not mean that the name of a and editorial tomfoolery of it. station would be changed only that the benefits accruing to the customer would be acknowledged as having been ence. In many fields there is a need to remember how differprovided by the party

Bryan Leaker. Commercial director. North London Railways. 65-67 Clarendon Road. Watford, Herts WD1 1DP.

WHAT does Luxembourg's fisheries minister do all day, and what level of cuts are being proposed to his fleet? William Barrett, 6 Burns Road, London NW10 4DY.

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parable figure for Radio 4's Science Now was probably at least twice as much.

ethnic divides, father and son conflicts, social and personal

crises, and is now tentatively

trying to establish a dialogue with women. That you find

space to accuse those involved of "inverse racism", yet again

to attack the courageous fig-ure of Robert Bly, and to tra-

duce those women who have bravely held out their hands.

does you no service.

Stephen Hopkins.

Clodock, Longtown,

Monnow House.

Science Unit, exposed the idi-ocy of present BBC manage-ment (A mission to destroy, June 10). What he didn't do was make clear the financial Furthermore, the source material for WS programmes also served, at minimal con-version cost, for adaptation in the foreign-language services, just as centralised reporting and script for them doubled as source for WS in English. I cannot see WS being able to meet production script more The reasons why WS in English makes its own programmes are two-fold. First comes suitability for the audimeet production costs more aligned to domestic radio. Why not just switch off World ent this little island is com-pared with the rest of the world. A single bite by a rabid 19 St John's Green, Colchester, Essex CO2 7EZ. animal makes national news for days here: abroad it is nothing. I have heard Radio 4 refer to the military dictator-ship in Burma as the "govern-

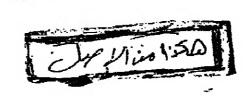
N BURMA they say there are four disasters — fire, flood, earthquake and government. The BBC's four disasters are Birt, Birt, Birt and Birt. He is a great man. Few have his vi-sion or determination. But the fact is that BBC staff are fed up to the back teeth with his tortured thinking and Stalinist regimentation. Give some one else a turn. Derek Brooke-Wavell. (Head of BBC Burnese Service, 1984-1995.) 40 Kidmore Road,

## **A Country Diary**

childrens: I'd set up my desk in a shady corner of the garden to escape the heat, only to be buffeted by another (though wholly agreeable) sensory assault. Quite distinct against the background scents of waning lilac and waxing philadelphus, the warm melon of the laburnum blossom was washing over me in puises, almost every 40 blossom was washing over me in pulses, almost every 40 seconds. I've come across this phenomenon before. Some years ago, I sat by a virburnum that was exhaling every two and a half minutes. On the day the current heat-wave began, I was sharing a picnic by a broom-brush that was on a five-minute scent-cycle. Were these all old factory illusions." Do other species share the curious fleetingness of the perfume of sweet violet. perfume of sweet violet, which, thanks to a chemical which, thanks to a chemical scalled ionine, can temporarily numb our smell-buds? Or is "pulsing" a kind of budgeting, a plant's strategy for making more frugal use of scent chemicals? I suspect

CHILTERNS: I'd set up my this may by one of the many desk in a shady corner of the conundrums of smell. One other that taxes me is why flower scents are basically so similar and so nice. It is hard to think of a truly nauseous example — which is odd when you consider that they are you consider that they are there as trademarks to attract pollinating insects. This month we have the coconut and tropical fruit of the pea family, merging on one side family, merging on one side with sweetness of wild roses, and, on the other, with the sultry, sexy aroma of the may. May blossom's fishy, decaying undertones (probably the reason it is regarded as bringer of bad luck indoors) is more propulated in rowal. is more pronounced in rowan, whose scent is, for me, the closest to unpleasant amongst our native plants. One struggles to find words for these subtle gradations — which is quite proper since acceptants. quite proper, since communication by smell is more deeply and anciently encode in our brains than any form of language.

RICHARD MABEY



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1 we 100 Company's Batter But anyone who regularly reads the tabloids can only be

struck by the number of inva-

sions which have been ac

tively courted. From Mary Ellen Synon, grimly seeking

vengeance, to the teenage

daughter of a Labour MP, flogging her "sex romp" with a footballer, many of the most

a footballer, many of the most cringe-making tales have been offered voluntarily, by ordinary people of the kind a privacy law is supposed to protect. Last week, for example, the Sun discovered a new variety of bonk story, in which athletic lovers had inadvertently trashed their homes. It might be thought that anyone who suffered this misfortune might choose emigration or a change of identity over exposure to the public gaze. Instead "a student couple" posed proudly along-

couple" posed proudly along-side a substantial piece of dis-

lodged plaster; another pair of "steamy lovers" were photo-graphed with a candle of the

kind which had set fire to

If the boundaries between

public and private are now blurred, we must also thank

Charles and Diana for their

respective invasions of their

own privacy; the proliferation of confessional television pro-grammes in which private fig-

their bath.

Wessex Tories, 9,000 holi-

daymakers, a lively disco

and a bingo hall?

ON'T be too sur-prised if we stitch up a deal with Madrid over the Gibraltar smugover the Gibraltar smug-gling row during the next few weeks; it will be due in no small part to our backing in up of Spain's frenetic de-nials of any contamination by British cattle, particu-larly the sort with learning difficulties. On Monday difficulties. On Monday, MAFF minister Angela Browning told Parliament there had been no bovine exports from the UK to Spain in either 1994 or 15 One month earlier, the Spanish Embassy had sil-larly claimed that, whi 1995 data were not yet | available, "during 199 Spain did not import fin the UK a single live arual of the bovine species' low curious then that, on me 4. MAFF's animal-weare division admitted th/401 calves were exported Spain for fattening [1994 and a further 301 in 995.

T'S Kinda Sad ([Raling North MP Harr reenway punches hee another plus-point f Tory rule in his Hemin ayesque column forie local Gazette newspap. Fri-day's epistle to t Queen of the Suburbs meders through some raine fig-ures about centary tele-grams despatch annually by the Queen bore noting: "The number deople liv-ing to be 100 hancreased enormously ujer the pres ent Conservate govern-ment, indicate that life ment, indicate that the really is mucpetter and longer underle Conserva tives." Do weed to add that the abo was delivered withou trace of irony? We di't think so.

OHN RTS new-look

Minisy-of-Truthstyle &C may bring
some advages with its
promise thify all production actives. At least we
would habeen spared last week's whe-in on the Radio 4 dsumer show You and You during which as-sorted psons bitched about thength of time Britishhema-goers have to wait fore Brother Yank will letem see such mas-terpied as Kids. In the new one-Biworld, Yn'Y would doubt have cannehis programme, havireen informed by its fellowrfs in BBC Films that † Corp's much-prais big-screen adapta-tion Stella Gibbons's Cold Court Farm, directed by Joh Sunday, Bloody Sun-Johnman, Bloody Sunday chlesinger, received its phier this year not in Mart Harborough or evericester Square, but in United States.

S Kinda Sad (2): Our rtuguese friends, it ems, are unimpressed ninly with British beef balso with Yorkshire er. The Lusitanian sad for Euro 96 is cur riy encamped in Hellaby il, near Rotherham, outwhich was parked yesday a giant refrigerated ry Inside, we under-ind, were supplies of ater, dairy products, eat, fish and coffee to susin the players during ieir sojourn in the Third

TILL no word from Michael "I'm No Beat-nik" Howard's nonienial denial on Monday concerning his inhalation or otherwise of controlled substances during his crazy, skiffle-playing 60s youth. Too busy, no doubt, rehearsing Wabash Can-nonball, but it would be nice to hear from him.



## Private parts of public lives

## Commentary Caherine Beinett

E a fly on the wall and read this, urges the model Paula Hamilton in her new Hamilton in her new surve n'tell autobiography, instructions Not Included. "Yople, friends, families, loed ones, partners, have all sd., Why do you want others y know parts of your life? ten't they yours, private and precious?" On the contary, They are ours, public and for sale, price £15.99. "I see I have the ability and guts so share my experience," to share my experience."
Paula — I think we can call
her Paula — writes. "To share
my truth is a privilege; do
with it as you will."

As lives go, Paula Hamil-ton's life is probably not one which most people would want to emulate. Apart from a brief moment of public glory, in a well-received Volkswagen commercial, it consists almost exclusively of experi-ences which would once have been considered mortifyingly

personal and embarrassing: drink and drug addiction, ugly family squabbles, foundered relationships, and long But anyone who regularly periods in recovery centres. The rationale, of course, is that Hamilton's tale has a cautionary value, helping readers to avoid her mistakes. In reality, as even Hamilton probably knows. her audience simply gawps, shudders and forgets.
It is familiar now for supporters of a privacy law to de-

ploters of a privacy law to de-plote the trade in such domes-tic sorrows. In this newspaper, the new Lord Chief Justice. Sir Thomas Bingham, recently suggested that our nation of nosy parkers needed to be saved from itself. He noted the value of "educative" legislation, which "plays a part in educating the public to recognise what is and is not acceptable conduct in a modern society". If such legislation is not forth-coming, he delicately warned, "I do not think the courts will be found wanting".

It remains unclear, however, how far the general pub-lic shares Sir Thomas's distaste for nosiness, and wishes to be "educated" by a judiciary which has, in the past, provided such peerless entertainment. It is true, beyond peradventure as our educators might say, that the tabloids' obsession with personal

peculiarities and disappointments; and the increasing number of actors and celebrifew paragraphs.

Journalists themselves in-

creasingly plunder their private lives for copy, and not only in their columns, where a little personal note. "my three-year-old", "my visit to the gynaecologist", is often so felicitous. In the Times this week, well-known writers have been photographed with their children for a series on family life called "Personally Speaking". There is an enormous difference between voluntary and involuntary disclosure of private circumstances, but these familiarities can only strengthen the belief that the personal lives of public fig-ures are something in which the public has every right to

OU do not have to endorse the excesses of tabloid editors to find the arguments of the pro-privacy camp unconvinc-ing. The loudest complainants tend to be public figures who have been inconvenienced by revelations of hypocrisy or greed, and who have most to gain from an extension of the law. It is not for themselves, they altruistically claim, that they wish to scourge the media, but on behalf of the public. When Jonathan Aitken decided to challenge "the worst media in the world", it was on behalf of a "public in-terest far more important than my own position".

If the British press is unri-valled in its devotion to trivia and smut, it is possibly partly because so much that is more worthwhile and important is alone rebuilt.

ures gladly entertain mass audiences with their sexual ties who now consider personal revelations a fair exchange for renown — or just a

to conceal his villainy, remain popular with wealthy and powerful public figures so sensitive to criticism that realise the priceless value of threatened libel actions in keeping unwelcome informa-tion from the public. Mem-bers of Parliament will now threaten to sue if a newspaper reports unflattering com-ments made by their political opponents; the Police Federation brought 95 actions for defamation in the 33 months up to March of this year, raking in £1,567,000 in damages. This explains why the public is rarely informed which police station an errant policeman belongs to: the newspaper risks a collective writ from his blameless

colleagues.
Where threats of lawsuits cannot conceal the facts, British public life is amply protected from public scrutiny by 250 secrecy provisions in various Acts of Parliament, and by the proliferation of confidentiality agreements. confidentiality agreements and local codes of conduct, which prevent vast numbers of public employees, from hospital consultants to junior librarians, from expressing their concerns to a journalist.

their concerns to a journalist.

We do not need more secrecy powers; in any case, there is no longer a sense that the private should be secret. How can Sir Thomas Bingham hope to re-educate a nation that recently applauded Princess Diana for broadcasting her infidelity? The borders of privacy have been so eroded, from every direction, that they cannot now rection, that they cannot now be meaningfully defined, let

## virtually beyond investigation. Our oppressive libel laws, so skilfully used by Robert Maxwell and his lawyers best of a they cannot even be described as "litigious". Humbler figures are also beginning to



Anthony Parsons

ABOUR'S plans to advertise for ambassadors, as the Guardian reported yesterday, will revive a long-running debate about the merits and demerits of more interchange between the public and private sectors in the field of diplomacy. This debate embraces the notion of political as opposed to profes-sional appointments, as well as Robin Cook's reported notion of recruiting businessmen or -women for countries offering "strategic market

opportunities".

I have never been opposed to more interchange, and have always envied countries such as the US and France in whose culture there is a far closer nexus between career public servants, politicians, and the academic and com-mercial worlds. The Ameri-cans have, of course, carried the appointment of political ambassadors to an absurd extreme, leading to grotesque appointments in return for contributions to party funds. But this does not mean that all political appointments are bad. A political ambassador can be more effective than a professional in terms of access and the general level of his reception in the host country. Outstanding British examples are Malcolm Mac-donald and John Freeman (in India) and no one would quarrel with the assertion that David Ormsby Gore's relationship with John F Kennedy provided him with entry to the inner circle and influence perhaps unparalleled by any other ambassador in Washington at the time. Hugh Caradon, my old boss at the United Nations, probably made a greater impact there than any professional would

have done.

Hence I would not sub-scribe to the laager mentality that all ambassadorial posts should be reserved for career diplomats for reasons of professionalism and career structure. The best man or woman for the job should be chosen. aking into account above all the political and governmental culture of the receiving country at the time. For example, in a country recently emerged from colonial rule or tact in the old days was via universities, and that a wellknown specialist academic would be a more effective first appointment than a pro-fessional. In surveying the field, it would be no bad idea if those responsible for such

ranks of past and present am-bassadors and high commissioners in London to see whether the more successful necessarily emanated from the professional stable.

the annual contract to the

Having said all that, I have some doubts about the policy attributed to Robin Cook. The most successful attempt to shake up the Foreign Office's culture was not the Central Policy Review Staff exercise in 1977 (I had a lengthy ses-sion with them in Tehran), but the Plowden Report of the early 60s. Plowden injected into our lives the battlecry of "export or die". From that time on, the diplomatic ser-vice has been far more concentrated on trade promotion in all its aspects than at any

have grown correspondingly. Before making any radical change in the present struc-ture, the following questions must be addressed. What does a receiving government ex-pect of an ambassador and what do British exporters expect (given that they can acquire detailed information from the DTI and from em-As regards British firms, what they should look for from an ambassador is political advice — on the stability of country X, its likely political alignments, macro-economics, general attitude towards Britain and the EU etc etc. I was criticised after the event, not least by myself, for turning the embassy in Tehran (1974-79) into a largescale commercial operation. In fact most of the business visitors who saw me, in their hundreds I should add. wanted to know whether the Shah would last, would there be a military coup, could Iran become the next Japan, and so on. They expected my com-mercial officers to know all about business, me to know all about Iran.

S regards the Iranian government, they ex-pected me to be able to discuss a wide range of inter-national problems — East/ West relations, Arab/Israel, the Persian Gulf, the commu-nist threat in Africa, the future of the EC. Afghanistan, Namibia and much else be-side our many bilateral issues. That also is as it should be, and I doubt whether someone whose whole life had been in business would be as well quali-fied to play this kind of bowl-

as a prote A footnote. If I had arrived in Tehran from a position in a British firm, neither my Iranian nor my British interlocutors would have had full contotalitarian tyranny, it could fidence in my impartiality when it came to giving advice on commercial matters. The known impartiality of the British public service since the mid-19th century has been one of its greatest assets. It should not be imperilled.

Sir Anthony Parsons was British

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# Victorian values

John Edmonds wants to give William Waldegrave a lightning tion taken away by the Tories.

Yesterday in Blackpool I walked past the JobCentre. In have families, friends and will have their benefits tour to show him the reality of life in the burger-flipping, machine-stitching economy

O William Walde-grave thinks that drudge jobs are a myth, does he? Then come with me to Walton, Liverpool 7. There you can meet some of the GMB members at the local clothing firm — I'm not going to name the company or the real name of the member who is here at our Congress at Blackpool. And I'm certainly not going to repeat what she told me when I read out Waldegrave's comments to her.
All three acts may result in
litigation and, in any case, if
she did speak out she would

lose her job. Shirley is 49 and has worked as a machinist for a year. She works 39 hours a week. She gets 15 minutes as morning break and 30 min-utes for lunch, which consists of sausage rolls. There is no afternoon break unless it's a heat break when the factory gets just too bot.

In a normal day she machine-stiches 300 children's

garments. For this she takes home £113 — before tax. £16 per day to live on. And she's a union member. Thanks, Wiliam. Thanks a lot.

If that does not convince him, we could go to St Helens, where Coats Viyella has just announced the closure of its Rainhill factory with the loss of 400 jobs. Down the road at the JobCentre a backstreet clothing factory is advertis-ing vacancies. Great news, but the advert shows that 16year-old trainee machinists can get 259 for a 39-hour week. Overlocking, flat-stitch-ing and cover-stitching should take about six months to train on a proper scheme. At this factory wages are fro-

zen for two years.
Thanks, William. Thank
you very bloody much.
This is the norm in today's deregulated labour market. Wages Councils used to took after our poorest paid. But waiters, hairdressers and clothing workers have had

walked past the John entre. In the window there was a sad little array of vacancies. If they were the best on offer it makes depressing news for the unemployed of Blackpool. Sales assistant, 26 hours a

week, starting at £1.98 an hour for a 16-year-old. Experi-ence needed. Silver-service ence needed. Silver-service
waiting staff. £10 for a threehour shift. Experience
needed. Temporary waiter,
7pm to lam: £20 a shift.
Loose-change pay and "hire
'em fire 'em" is the order of
the day. It is what the Tories

wanted and it has become the reality — are you proud of your work, William? The minister is quick to take credit for small falls in unemployment but he fails to mention that three out of every 10 new jobs are part-time. Nearly half of the men who work part-time do so because they can-not find a full-time job. The drop in income for these people last year represented the biggest drop in living standards since 1961. William Waldegrave himself admitted

on February 8 this year that take-home pay had fallen. I can think of 8 million ns why British workers

Those 8 million Britons have families, friends and neighbours — people who have seen with their own eyes the effects of Tory employment policies on those closest to them. To listen to William to them. To listen to William Waldegrave you would think Britain is experiencing some sort of boom. But the only boom is in exploitation, home

repossessions and insecurity.
If William Waldegrave took
the trouble to talk to his Bristol constituents, he would find that in the South West, 14 per cent of all households have no one in work; one in five homes is in negative

equity.
More than 700,000 people in the South West have been made unemployed since the last election. Is it any wonder that more than 80 per cent of his constituents feel their jobs are less secure than they were just a year ago?

HE facts prove that deregulation of the labour market has

labour market has forced our workers out of permanent jobs and into poverty pay and short-term contracts. Tory policies have given the green light to the worst sort of bosses who want to slash pay, are frightened of losing their bosses who want to slash pay. Secretary of the GMB, Brital jobs. That is the number of cut conditions and abuse general union, and president working people who have sufficient their employees. And things the Full Employment Forum

stopped unless they agree to take on any work straight away, no matter how low

The unemployment figures may be falling, but so is the number of people in work. Since the last election there has been no increase in the number of full-time jobs. In fact, Britain's record on job creation is the worst of all the G7 nations — only 20th in the world. Since John Major be-came Prime Minister more than a million jobs have been

With figures like that, I find it incredible that this blinkered government can sit back and smugly congratulate

servatives hang on to their own jobs it won't go away. Fortunately, his days are numbered — 322 days to go and counting.

Secretary of the GMB, Britain's general union, and president of

## Stand up to the bully

Robert Banks explains why he voted against Bill Cash's referendum bill

election campaign are numerous, and in my view it is wholly wrong for an outside influence bent upon only one single policy to cajole MPs to accept a referendum or face the consequences of an opponent.
Democracy flourishes
when MPs are standing for their beliefs and exercising their judgment without co-ercion. I see Sir James

HR issues in a general- | one single issue — as exering of a referendum not necessarily because they have a conviction about such a course, but because they could face an oppo-nent in a general election who could lose them the seat. It is as simple as that. I have been, and remain,

cordingly. Parliament, through its elected Mem-bers, should have an intelligent debate at the right time on the principal issues cising a form of coercion: it related to our membership is forcing MPs to come to a list forcing the hold-make its judgment. The Cash bill is a Trojan horse for those who want Britain out of Europe. If a referendum were to be held, it would crystallise to a ques-tion of staying in or coming

out of Europe. There is no compromise place for Britain on the sidelines, dipping in and ercion. I see Single State of the state of t

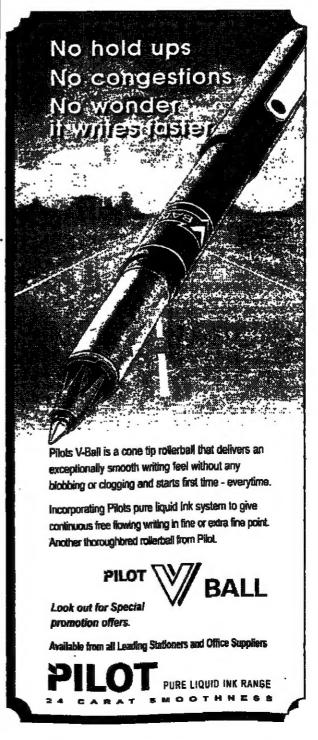
role as essentially a leading partner without ambiguity. working to shape and control the development of Europe in a commonsens and realistic way, driven by a natural impetus for closer synchronisation. If that means a single currency, so be it if it is demand-led. I do not see a federal sys-

tem as workable, desirable or feasible. The Germans interpret federalism as a loose federation of states with devolved powers. We see it as iron bonds tying us into a central European government system. There is no common understanding of what is being talked about. It is hard enough keeping the UK together, as

when it suits us. I see our | no reason to fear the impos sible. Britain's industrial, commercial and political interests have to be in Europe, and we should rec-ognise it and stop looking backwards. Not one Labour MP was

prepared to vote against yesterday's bill, not even Tony Banks, who spoke against it. I put this down to strict orders to stay out of the lobby lest divisions within the Labour Party were revealed. Certainly there are divisions within the Conservative Party, which have been getting bigger, and I am very deeply concerned.

Robert Banks, Conservative MP for Harrogate, was the only MP



drives her sculptor husband to drink, one son to prema-

ture death and the younger

son, Eugene, to leave her. In the last scene, when Eugene

is taking his farewell, she pro-tests: "That's all right, I know

your mind is made up and I'm

not complaining. It seems all I've ever been fit for around

her is to cook and sew. That's all the use any of you ever

had for me!" And then, soften-ing, she goes on: "Try to be happy, child, try to be a little more happy." Anthony Per-kins, who played the adoles-

cent Eugene, later com-plained that both Van Fleet

and Hugh Griffiths, as the husband, spent the run of the

The miriarch . . . Jo Ann Fleet iEast of Eden

Van Fit's son again in René Clemen This Angry Age, based Og novel by Margue

rite Dus. She played the domineting Madame Du-

fresne, iFrench widow in Indo-Cha, struggling to keep her to plantation going despite hechildren's waning

interest in

construct a dam .

"I expect tha what you call progress— taking

people's souls any and giv-ing them electric," she tells the government ent (Mont-gomery Clift). The bent but

intransigent file repre-

sented the spirit ondividual

defiance against personal

bureaucracy, gaing the au-dience's approval thout the

sentimentality.

1996

# Warm words on ice

has died aged 72. was a sports commentator of the old school. He looked more like a university don or company manager than the more matey intermediaries favoured for today's less for-

duller moments is of prime importance. He radiated enthusiasm without cheapening his subjects or himself. It was he who in 1994 provided the commentary on Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean just failing to get their second Winter Olympics gold medal - and attracted a 23-million audience, the largest ever television sports audience in

with most of the BBC's sporting flagships in a career which started in public relations for Brighton Sports Sta-dium in 1946. He had risen to the rank of Royal Navy lieu-tenant during the war. did not forget ice bockey. Weeks's decision to accept

He joined the BBC in 1951. His voice, clear and virtually classless, was another asset

**Uno Chiyo** 

LAN Weeks, who | snooker and weightlifting. He once commentated on five British Olympic champions at five consecutive Games. This Sussex grammar

school boy had something of the patrician about him, al-though at 16 he followed his father into the Merchant mal audiences.

His style owed something to the swirl and whirl of ice skating that was at the root of his career — a sport in which the ability to improvise in the duller moreometeries of prime duller moreometeries of prime leading to the Merchant Navy as a cadet, moving to the Royal Navy as a midshipman two years later at the end of the "phoney war" and the beginning of the real one. Finally demobbed and publiciting Prighton Stadium beginning to the Merchant Navy as a cadet, moving to the Royal Navy as a midshipman two years later at the end of the "phoney war" and the beginning of the real one. cising Brighton Stadium, he was almost immediately promoted to publicity manager. At the same time he became secretary of Brighton Tigers Ice Hockey Club.

> been etched in; skating, ice hockey and swimming were to remain passions. His wife, whom he married in 1947, was the former ice skating star (Barbara) Jane Huckle; and when in 1976, already a doyen of sports commentating, he was asked by the Labour sports minister, Denis Howell, to become the first director of the State Aid Extractor to the State Ai the Sports Aid Foundation, he

the task — losing some of his commentating income in the process - was greeted with in his commentating on skating, hockey, athletics, swimming and football, as well as sports and organisations pre- his blood. The magistrate who mances, frequently seeking returning to Canada. He was 8, 1923, died June 11, 1996



The BBC's two-man bob team . . . Alan Weeks with David Vine at the 1988 Winter Olympics at Calgary

pared to give them financial | heard the case refused to ban | reassurance that he had deliv- | quiet, modest — and a man backing. He was already in | him, on the grounds that his | ered the goods. But he was | who really did know the talks with an American ice hockey administrator when he took the job, but lamented on his appointment that David Wilkle had won two gold medals for swimming at the world championships, but had had to go to America to what their ambitions were and what he could do to help. Though Weeks's enthusiasm raised thousands of pounds, the strains of the job were formidable. Within a

Though as a commentator he was sometimes said to be ill at ease with modern technology, any unease never showed. He was covering the World Figure Skating Championships this March as his last assignment before retiring. David Vine the snooker commentator argued that Weeks didn't really "com-mentate" at all: he just talked few months of accepting it, he was found slumped at the to people as if it were a con-

nor for many more.

work "accords interest and popular with producers bepleasure to many people." It was a measure of his general popularity. He stayed director for seven years and a govercause he was prepared, and able, to tackle anything. His family life was touched

by tragedy. In 1981 his son Nigel, aged 27, was found suffocated at his flat in Hove, and his daughter Beverly was found dead 11 years later. He is survived by his wife and

Kenneth Wolstenholme writes: I first met Alan Weeks when he took over skating and ice hockey commentating at BBC Television

sport of skating back to front. Yet I have also never met a commentator who was so keyed up before a broadcast, so screwed up with nerves before he went to work.

Everyone connected with the sport of skating respected him, and his enthusiasm shone through his work. He would will skaters to get a roll of sixes — and yet he remained fair, and would unfailingly note the errors. Never dippant, and a good friend, he was great company.

Alan Weeks, sports commentator, born September

The Oscar and the icon

ECAUSE J Van Fleet had made er reputation playing aging matriarch so conncingly, it comess a suries to learn that she has tion playing aging matriarch so convincingly, it comesas a sur-prise to learn that she has died aged only 76. Irfact, she was merely 11 yes older than James Dean whose mother she portrayetin East of Eden (1955); she es two years younger than Susan Hayward, her screen laughter in I'll Cry Tomrrow (1955), and was half thage of the stubborn octogenrian character she played inwild

Jo Yan Ileet

This formidable actess made a powerful impreson in the dozen films she up-peared in. She studied with the influential Sanfod Meisner at the Neighborhol Playhouse theatre school New York. Her profession debut (at 24 already actin debut (at 24 already acting older) was as the spinster state of Luther Adler in Uncle other. Some actors feel deep Harry at the National in their souls that they must Theatre, Washington in 1944. win a scene, he remarked. Among her best roles in New York were Dorcus in A Winger's Tale (1946), Regan to Louis Calhern's King Lear (1950) and a touching Camille in Tennessee Williams' Camino Real (1953).

Working at the Actors'

Working at the Actors' Studio with Elia Kazan brought her to the big screen for the first time in the rela-

tively small role of Kate Trask, the brothel madam in East of Eden, for which she won the best supporting ac-tress Oscar. Kazan also cast the unknown James Dean as the son she had abandoned as a baby. In the scene when Dean enters her boudoir, she reacts initially in a cool, lady-like manner, and then in extreme anger and fear when he claims to be her son. She has him dragged from her presence down a dark narrow corridor of the whorehouse. In the same year, she was

een as a shrill southern matron in *The Rose Tattoo*, being chased out of Anna Magnani's house after revealing the infidelity of Magnani's dead hus-band, and as the hatchet-faced stage mother of alcoholic When speone asks her:
"Would yound your charming familyoin me for dinner?" she plies, "Get one thing straig We are not a charming amily." Van singer Lillian Roth (Susan Hayward) in I'll Cry Tomorrow. Roth herself praised Van Fleet, "though she was direc-ted to act with a foreign acactually born in Boston and proud of her speech".

from Clark Gable, and in Gunfight at the OK Corral (1957) as Doc Holliday's mistress, the most hard-boiled of bar girls, waiting with unspoken anxiety for him to return from the showdown. (In contrast to her roles as widows. tresses. Van Fleet was hap-pily married for many years to the choreographer William

Bales, who died in 1990.) In 1957 she gave a couple of memorable performances on Broadway, the first as Jessie Mae Watts, the hymn-singing pensioner who returns to the town of her youth in A Trip to Bountiful, for which she won Jo Van Fleet, actressom Dea Tony; and in Look Home-ward Angel, Ketti Frings' ad-

Prof Michael Adler, direc-tor. Aids clinic, Middlesex Hospital, 57; George Bush, former US President, 72; John Copley, opera producer, 63: Vic Damone, singer, 68; Michael Fabricant, Conservative MP. 46; Bobby Gould, football manager, 50; Roy Harper, rock singer and songwriter, 55; Pat Jennings, foot-baller, 51; Oliver Knussen, composer and conductor. 44.
Peter Such. England crickDeath Notices

tus, Worcester Cathedral, died ame on 5th June Thanksroving Service room 15th June at St Peter a, Newham, flow-

**Anniversaries** 

#### charming amily." Van ing, was dramatised as a 13-part television series and Fleet's oldwomen never asked for lover sympathy. It was El Kazan again who gave has acreen role worthy of henrocaful personfor her writing ability. Uno was a feminist before her time. In 1927 she dis-There followed two West-erns — The King and Four Queens (1956), in which Van cess. Uno was particularly adproduced on stage at Tokyo's mired for her unusual ability Imperial Theatre. In 1990 she was signally honoured by the carded her kimono for west-Emperor as a "Person of Cul-tural Merit". Uno Chiyo was born in Iwa"Children on the back roads with his mistress, the 19-year-old daughter of an admiral in ality. As 80ear-old Ella Garth in Wt. River, she point of view. Fleet was a sharpshooting Her other major works, widow trying to protect the honour of her four daughtersfights to stayn her island the Imperial Navy. It was an nessee Valley thority that wishes to flood in order to

Prolific though Uno was in

chronicling her own heady love affairs in her fiction, it

She lost her mother before she was two years old and was brought up by her beautiful stepmother and her roue of a father, a habitue of Iwakuni's teahouses and brothels where he lost a fortune on women and gambling. He died

biography, I Will Go On Liv-

Private and public passions in Japan

when his daughter was 16.
In 1917 she went to Tokyo
where she worked briefly as a
waitress at the Enrakuken, a fashionable western-style res taurant frequented by writers and publishers. It was meet ing these people, she wrote later, that first prompted her desire to become a writer, and in 1921 one of her stories won first prize in a Tokyo newspaper competition.
Throughout the 1920s and

grande dame of Japa-nese letters. So riveted was the public by her Literati Village, a community long and dramatic life and established on what were passionate love affairs and then Tokyo's outskirts. She marriages that her 1983 auto- was then more famous for her classical beauty and her unconventional behaviour than

shrieking when they saw Uno approach," her biographer and translator Rebecca Copeland relates in The Sound of the Wind, an 1992 account of her life, which also contains three of her best short stories. By 1929 Japan's era of "ero-guro-nansensu" (eroticism, grotesquerie and nonsense) was over. Chuyo Uno had bro-

ken all the taboos and now resolved to have nothing fur-ther to do with men. "I shall live alone," she vowed, "instead of loving a man I shall love my work. I shall love my-self." And she composed her own feminist charter: "Eco-nomic independence, emo-tional independence, and a determination to follow my

was not until 1933 that her most celebrated and enduring book, Confessions of Love, was published. On a whim, Uno had decided to write a story.

Tell Me Why Popples are Red, about the reckless and romantic painter Seiji Togo's attempted double suicide pact with his mistress the 19-year. paper scandal and Uno rished to contact Togo for help with certain scenes in her story. The meeting was a coup de foudre. "Deep within my heart," she wrote, "I heard the sound of the heavy

helmet (of resolve) breaking asunder." They slept that night on the same futon that had been used for Togo's double suicide attempt. "We fell upon each other like animals," she recalled many years later in a New Yorker profile. "You see, it was the

bandage on his neck that got me." Uno and Togo lived together for several years and the experience transformed her writing. Confessions of

NO CHIYO, who has | 1930s Uno drifted through | own will!!!" But this was be | of the mood of decadence that died aged 98, was the | love affairs with members of | fore she met Seiji Togo. | swept through Japan in the 1920s and it was closely based on Togo's accounts of three of his own passionate liaisons. It is written in the classical monagatori style, in which the narrator confides intimate personal detail to his audience/readers, and it became

(1947) and Story of a Single Woman (1971). As well as writing, she was well-known as a fashion designer. She designed kimonos and founded Japan's first fashion magazine. Style, in 1987. She lived above her own exclusive boutlque in one of Tokyo's smartest districts.

Uno Chiyo remained true to her abiding sense of purpose. "I never forced myself to do anything I didn't want to do," she said in a 1987 interview. "I've lived my life just the way I wanted to."

**Euan Cameron** 

Uno Choyo, writer, born Novem-Lore gives a striking picture | ber 28, 1897; died June 10, 1996

memoirs, Druid's Circle, ear-

Her this year. The title was a

reference to his time at the

Boscombe Down, where

## **Hubert Dean**

Uno . . . a touch of scandal

## Problem solving in the skies

war Allied servicemen relied on the brilliance of Hubert "Dixie" Dean, who has died aged 84. From the Aeroplane and Armament Establishment (A&AEE) at Bostablishment Wilthbush bo combe Down in Wiltshire, he flew 120 different aircraft types in the development and testing of air weapons.

PHOTO COURTESY PETER OWEN

As director of armaments, his research and ingenuity showed Spitfire and Hurri-cane pilots how best to im-mobilise German tanks and led to the development of rockets able to pierce four-inch armour plating and the Dean was born at Mill Hill, prevented Dean rising above agent near Cape Canaveral.

perfection of an ingenious technique for combating the U-boat menace with air-Close liaison with the Americans on early air-to-ground missiles, and service with US forces in Normandy. led to his appointment to the US Legion of Merit.

After the war, one of Dean's most unconventional ideas followed his diagnosis of icing as the cause of cannon jamming on the Westland Whirlwind helicopter. His solution was to fit a large condom to

vate school in Yorkshire, he read chemistry at Imperial College, London. In 1932 he took up a Royal Air Force short service commission. Beginning at gunnery school Dean's service increasingly concentrated on operational requirements and the effectiveness of military weapons. It was a field in which he became highly respected on both sides of the Atlantic. Although called on to advise the RAF Staff and Imperial Defence Col-leges on young officers' promo-

north London and, after a pri-

the rank of Group Captain. In 1954, as his second marriage was breaking up. he retired from the RAF and moved to the US and into civil industry. As president of an aviation company he developed an automatic pilot for light aircraft and then as chief engineer and chemist for Silly Putty, he invented a luminous toy putty and an-other version used in physiotherapy. Machines and gadgets remained Dean's passion — a practical man, he built his own home in Connecticut before becoming a real estate

Stonehenge was a naviga tional landmark for pilots. Dean died just as he was contemplating returning to Connecticut with his fourth wife, Marguerite, to whom he was married for 32 years. He is survived by three sons.

Hubert William Dean, air armaments specialist, born February 9, 1912, died May 12, 1996

## Norman Barffeld

#### He published his colourful **Birthdays**

eter, 32; John Townend, Conservative MP, 62.

# Jackdaw

#### **Not PC**

1. LOG ON, wait a sec, then get a frightened look on your face and scream "Oh my God! They've found me!", and bolt.
2. Sit and stare at the screen, bitter your nails noisily. biting your nails noisily. After doing this for a while, spit them out at the feet of the person next to you.
3. If you have long hair, take a typing break, look for split ends out they and described to the split typing break to the split typing break to the split typing break to the split typing the split typing t ends, cut them and deposit them on your neighbour's keyboard as you leave. 4. Come to the lab wearing several pairs of socks. Remove shoes and place them on top of the monitor. Remove socks layer by layer

and drape them around the

monitor. Exclaim sudden haiku about the sesthetic beauty of cotton on plastic. 5. Take the keyboard and sit under the the computer. Type up your paper like this. Then go to the lab supervisor and complain about the bad work-ing conditions

ing conditions.
6. When doing calculations, pull out an abacus and say that sometimes the old ways are the best Borrow someone else's key board by reaching over, saying "Excuse me, mind if I bor-

row this for a sec?", unplugging the keyboard and taking it. 8. Pull out a pencil. Start writing on the screen. Complain that the lead doesn't work.

9. Bring in a small tape player with a tape of absurd sounds. Pretend it's the computer and look really lost.

10. Come into the computer lab wearing several endan-gered species of flowers in-

your hair. Smile incessantly Type a sentence, then laugh happily, exclaim "You are such a marvel!", and kiss the screen. Repeat this after every sentence. As your ec-stasy mounts, also hug the at them. It is appearing that

keyboard, Finally, hug your neighbour, then the computer assistant, and walk out. Just a small collection from 50 Ways to Confuse, Worry, or Just Scare the Bejesus Out of People in the Computer Lab. Online at http://www2.islandnet.com/-cwalker/

#### Fly fishing

"MY NEIGHBOUR who is working at ---- (airport) gave me your address and I hope you can do something friends and I are fishermen on the Natal North coast and we are being very troubled by low-flying aeroplanes. Last week one double-engined aeroplane. with wheels that fold into the wings, painted white, flew so low along the beach that it struck the top of my fishing rod, pulling it out of my hands and breaking it. We tried to read the writing on the plane but this is not easy when you are lying face down on the sand and fearing for your life. Also, fishermen along the beach said the driver was making lewd and obscene gestures

rich people who can buy aeroplanes, despise ordinary people and this is not right in the new South Africa. Some of the fishermen who work at the airport are talking about taking matters into their own hands if this does not stop soon, so I am hoping you will tell the drivers to be more

polite." From road rage to air rage. The above article was issued by the Southern African Aviation Safety Council in their Avia-tion Safety News hardly the best way for the aviation community to foster sound relation ships in the new South Africa. Thanks to reader David Martin.

#### Witness

IS THERE a place on this earth that speaks my language? Does my hand fit anything on this earth? Is there a tool, a rock, that belongs in this big square palm.

anything I could hold.

Where are my family

know how to use?

Where is the place to go home Where are the grandmothers. grandfathers, aunties and uncles, cousins who look like me? Where are they buried. where do I co

to honour their undisturbed I found Coyote, Eagle, and Momov in a book, but cannot read the Chumash words. I found photographs of bedrock slabs pocked by

hundreds of acorn-grinding but the holes are empty, the pestles that would curve to

my grip lie dead behind museum Mountains and rivers and oaks rise

in Spanish accents: San Gabriel. Santa Yuez, Robles, These are not real names. Some of our bones rest in 4000 out back behind the Mission. Some of our bones are mixed into mud

where smallpox and measles came, and stayed. Some of our bones washed down the river whose name I do not know past islands I connot name to the sea where I have never

Mixed-blood, I lay claim by the arch
of my eyebrows, short nose, dark hands. l am not a witness. I am left behind, child of children who were locked



to strengthen cool thick walls | Native news . . . lost lands

Is there a place that knows I Am Not A Witness, written by

and raped. I did not see this:

was not there - but I am

Deborah Miranda, whose family came through the Santa Barbara and Carmel missions. Printed in News from Native California, an inside view of the California Indian world.

#### Road code

in the Mission

BUT the striking feature about British roads is that the behaviour on them is argubehaviour on them is arguably becoming politer, rather than meaner. From somewhere has grown this charming habit of waving with an open hand at other drivers. You wave someone to enter the flow ahead of you; you wave to thank them for their kind understanding in allowing you through. Sometimes ing you through. Sometimes this exchange reaches the absurd level of courtliness last seen at Edwardian balls: "After you. Sir." No. no. After you. Please, Sir, I insist." Older drivers tell me this was far less common 30

years ago. Readers in the remotest corners of Britair may scoff and say this pher menom is nothing; on empt Scottish roads and in dark Devonshire coombs drivers raise a hand to every car to for sheer joy at having

company.

Nor would I exaggerate so far as to deny that we can be nasty to fellow road users. hasty to lendw road users, and frequently drive danger-ously. Traffic is growing ex-ponentially, and with it the frustration of driving. But the next time you get into a scrape in your car, and fancy you see someone shaking their fist — or brandish a weapon — pause for a mo-ment to check. They may not be damning but waving. Sandy Mitchell argues in Country Life that it is not road rage that we are encountering but "road politiesse".

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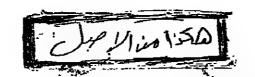
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# Sweet music for Thorn

Pauline Springett

HORN EMI produced a record set of figures yesterday - its last set of results before it demerges in August - on the back of soaring album sales. Its performance reignited speculation that a bid from speculation that a bid from stop sellers included the one of the world's multi-leatles, Garth Brooks, media empires could emerge, Rueen, the Rolling Stones, Pre-tax profit rose to £477.6 ink Floyd. Matsutoya, Semillion, compared to £271.4 lens and Sniashing Pumpmillion in 1995. Stripping ou kins. Sir Colin stressed, how the exceptional items, which ever, that the division, which mainly related to restructual operates in 78 countries, has a ing costs. There's profit huge stable of artistes and is ing costs. Thorn's profi

ing costs. Thorn's profijumped by 27.3 per cent £539.1 million.

All three of Thorn's risions — EMI Music. The (rentals) and HMV (mystores) — produced high profits. Chairman Sir din Southgate, brushing de takeover talk, said that ille last year might prove eptionally good, he as no reason for gloom about rent trading.

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Sir Colin and his teghave nearly completed thextensive work involved in ting out the demerger, who will see the music busine-looted separately from the entals operation. Sir Colin did that everything was on get for shareholders to apply at an extraordinary gent meeting on 18 August fiter the demerger, the rark side of the business will run by Thorn and the mic side by Thorn and the mic side by EMI Group. Sharplders will receive one Tho share for every Thorn EMPARE.

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Cold who appears to be play-ing is cards close to his the simply retterated that "I ven't talked to a soul for mehs". He added that the mic division's results were second that any potential her would "have to have

y deep pockets".

EMI Music's profits rose by
8 per cent to £365.2 million.

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operates in 78 countries, has a huge stable of artistes, and is not reliant on a few well known acts. Among this season's best sellers are George Michael, whose album Older, released in mid-May has all the countries. released in mid-May, has already sold 2.5 million copies.
Sir Colin was highly optimistic about the division's future sales. Not only was the worldwide market for music products expected to rise at between 7 and 8 per cent a year, but sales in developing countries were showing signs of growing much faster as their populations became wealthier.

Sir Colin was also excited by recent market research which suggested that even sales in the developed world could continue to rise sharply, because the older age groups were buying much more music. "People used to stop when they got married at 23," he said. Profits at HMV rose by 40

per cent to £19.6 million, largely on the back of a continued programme of new store openings. In 1986, when HMV was established as a separate operation, it was solely in the UK and had 43 stores It now has 23 stores. stores. It now has 331 stores

in seven countries.
The Thorn rental business. also now a global operator, produced a 22.8 per cent prof-its rise at £187.2 million. Sir Colin said he was particularly business, lese are ru-moured to clude Disney, Seagram Viscom. Sir renting furniture.

much further the proposals

should be adopted. He said he was in favour of doing "whatever the members de-

Exchange chairman, John Kemp-Welch, de-

the time of the Blue Arrow

Ian Plenderleith, the

Bank of England director

drafted in as deputy to Mr

Kemp-Welch in an attempt

to defuse the row, will step

down when Mr Casey takes

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up his position in August.

earned £342,000 a year.

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Pumping up the volume . . . (clockwise from top) the Bentles, Freddie Mercury, Smashing Pumpkins, and Garth Brooks







## Men Lom over trading systems a Exchange a points chief

major broker head of trading at one major brokerage said yesterday.

"We have already seen the timetable moved back foner broker a¢hairman, s's Paul Murphy

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yesterday ended a fivemonth search for a chief executive, but mediately ran into a sh row over the pace and ection of market

Gavin Casey, who as chief erating officer at Smith w Court last summer rsaw the merger of one the City's most powerful ading houses with Amerian broking group Merrill synch, is to fill the position acated last autumn by lichael Lawrence. He joins the Exchange at the most troubled time in its 200-

ear history. Mr Lawrence was ousted after a boardroom revolt at the Exchange as represen-tatives of the City's big market-making firms expressed their alarm at his pushing through a move to "order driven" trading an electronic system for matching buyers and sellers of stock which bypasses London's traditional 'quote-driven'' market-

making approach. With the Lawrence affair being examined by a Commons select committee and the Office of Fair Trading threatening to investigate share trading practices in London, the Exchange subsequently confirmed that it would still move to orderdriven trading for big companies — although not before the summer of 1997. a year later than envisaged by Mr Lawrence.

But yesterday, proponents of order-driven trading in the London market slammed the appointment

of Mr Casey. This man has been a representative of a firm (Smith New Court) which for the past five years has worked to block any move away from market-making." the

## NatWest buys US bond house

Pouline Springett

ATWEST Group con-firmed yesterday that it is buying US bond house Greenwich Capital Holdings for £385 million. The acquisition, from The Long Term Credit Bank of Japan. rumoured for some weeks, is the latest move in NatWest's plan to establish itself as a significant player in the US investment banking market.

The purchase also suggests that NatWest, which is cash by a year or more and now rich after a series of disposals, may have ruled out an imminent share buy-back. However, Mr Casey insisted yesterday that he does not have "a strong theological position either way" on which system

cover "the refinancing of em- | provide an all-round service. | ture capital company 3i, in a ployee retention obligations". Martin Owen, chief executive that remuneration would be bonus-led on performance.

Greenwich Capital, which is based in Connecticut, has about 400 staff and 2,000 customers. Although it is ranked among the top 10 US bond houses in terms of size, it is believed to have only about Mr Owen said the purchase

3.5 per cent of the market. of a US bond house had not been optional. It was, he said, a business in which the bank

"Our clients are crying out for US product," he said. of NatWest Markets, conceded that the bank had to be prepared to pay well for the best people, but he indicated scratch because it was a more fund management. specialised market which relied on having an estab-

lished reputation. If NatWest had done this, it would have only picked up about 1 per cent of the market. Mr Owen said the acquisition was "another brick in the wall" for the hank. Late last year, NatWest sold its US

retail banking arm, Bancorp. for \$3.5 billion (£2.3 billion). More recently, it announced it was considering selling its an unspecified amount to had to participate in order to near-18 per cent stake in ven- file individual appointments.

deal which could net it about £460 million.

group for £472 million in February. It was also believed to have lost out to Halifax in the recent bid battle for the life mutual Clerical Medical - although NatWest has officially never confirmed this. In the US, NatWest has

revamped its investment banking operations. The \$135 million purchase last year of a mergers and acquisi-tions advisory firm was followed by a series of high pro-

Notebook

## Sabre rattling over Atlantic



Edited by Alex Brummer

ing British Airways ap-pears to have forged a durable Atlantic alliance which will boost its global credentials. The difference this time, with the deal made with Robert Crandall's American Airlines, is that BA has eschewed the idea of ownership/equity — a route which scuppered an earlier potential deal with United Airlines and which has proved such a mill-

stone in the shape of its 24.6 per cent stake in USAir.

If Robert Ayling, BA's chief executive, has made a contribution since taking over from Colin Marshall, it is in redefining what an airline is all about. BA's core activity is providing high-quality air travel, and it does not much matter who delivers them providing the quality of the brand is not diluted. Deals such as BA's previous stakes in Deutsche BA and the French carrier TAT and Qantas represent old-style ownership. The American Airlines link rests much more strongly on branding, service

and marketing.
The alliance with American be favourable on several grounds. American is, without doubt, the most financially healthy of all the US carriers and came through the cyclical downturn of the early 1990s much better than its competitors.

This success has largely essness of Mr Crandall, who uses every weapon at his disincluding Sabre, the group's computer reservation system to ensure dominance on North American routes. Full and unbiased access to Sabre will need to be a critical part of BA's deal if the critical code sharing arrangements are to work.

As important to BA as the the code sharing will be full participation in the American Advantage frequent flying plan (FFPs). The FFP, s product of the mid-1980s, has become one of the most formidable marketing weapons in the US, a much earlier and more widpesread version of Tesco's loyalty card. Points are available on almost every service from car hire to credit cards and frequent flyers slavishly buy tickets to ansure maximum frequent-flier advantage. The possibility of racking up miles on BA's worldwide network will make it considerably more attractive to US business travellers.

that a BA/American alliance will not be without problems. The position of USAir, with its own routes and some important properties such as the shuttle service between New York, Washington and Boston, will need to be redefined.
The possibility of BA selling changes in in its USAir stake to American, are expected.

clearly has fallen on infertileground for the present leav-

Rightly, Richard Branson has raised anti-trust ques-tions relating to the possibiltiy of the world's largest and third largest air carriers get-ting togther — an alliance would give them a dominance of North Atlantic gateways unrivalled by other trans-atlantic deals including Vir-

gin's own with Delta. Messrs Ayling and Crandall have made their deal depen-dent on receiving an anti-trust immunity from the US authorities. Under normal circumstances that might be difficult. But if the Clinton administration views it as a golden opportunity to finally open up slots at Heathrow the new partners may well get away with it.

#### NatWest bulge

ET another UK player which might have considered whether an alliance with a US partner migh have been better than full scale equity takeover is NatWest Markets. It may seem marvellously attractive for NatWest to use the pro-ceeds of the sale of NatWest Bancorp, its US retail bank-ing offshoot, to build a world that may not be quite what it is getting. NatWest's new acquistion

Greenwich Capital is among the top ten US fixed interest dealers, but there is a difference between the market share of those down the list and the world class bond trading houses such as Salomon Brothers. The combination of Gleacher, the investment banking boutique, together with Greenwich, does not constitute a global player.

Investors, who marked NatWest shares down resterday, appeared less than immind is that under its previous Japanese ownership Greenwich had a ready-made client list in the Japanese investors which, over the years have helped to finance the US budget deficit. This could eas-ily fade away under NatWest ownership making the \$690 million paid for Greenwich look less than prudent.

#### Clarke's hand

appears to have the upper-hand in the war of land over last week's interest rate cut, with both the producer prices figures and industrial production pointing to an economy stagnating.

By contrast, however, the evidence of a robust consumer recovery (supported by ish Retail Consortium) grows stronger daily posing the risk that Kenneth Clarke may find himself in the traditional pre-election boom

It is an issue which both the Chancellor and Governor will be anxious to address in their tonight: although no major changes in inflation targeting

## Rules 'must be eased to save EMU'

Serah Ryle, and Julie Wolf In Brussels

clined to state what Mr Ca-sey, who worked for stock-brokers County NatWest at ONSERVATIVE Eurosceptics will receive a boost from countershare scandal, would be paid. His predecessor parts in Europe who today assert that core countries like Germany and France will be unable to implement a single Mr Kemp-Welch also said currency in 1999.

that a "medium-term" business plan for the Exchange, The reservations of Eurowhich has been under preparation for the past 18 months, is due to be pubpean academics echoed oppo-sition to the tight Maastricht criteria expressed by Eurolished early next month. Other potential candidates for the chief executive's job are believed to have included John Young, former head of the Securipean socialist parties yesterday in Brussels. The 217-strong socialist

group could next week instigate a vote to throw out ecoties and Investments nomic guidelines adopted by Board, and also Giles Vardey, director of market ser-vices at the Exchange.

with monetary union criteria. The MEPs believe they will receive the full parliament's backing for what would, how-

They will warn European Union governments that current high levels of unemployment, such as 12 per cent in France, threaten to undermine the EMU project. The socialists favour a more flexible interpretation of the Maastricht rules, as well as

focus on tackling already-low

and EU finance ministers. latest edition of the Institute These call on governments to of Economic Affairs' journal, said Germany and France were unlikely to cut their budget deficits to the 3 per cent or less of GDP stipulated by Maastricht.

But even if Germany achieved it, public opposition could scupper the politicians' efforts, according to Roland Vaubel, economics professor 1998

would be committing elec-toral suicide. Opinion polls

the European Commission | Academics, writing in the | show that European Union à la Maastricht is thoroughly unpopular among the Ger man electorate. Roughly two-

thirds are opposed."
Pascal Salin, professor of economics at Paris Dauphine university, said France was even less likely to meet the budget criterion, largely be-cause officials and opinion makers had "a very low level of education in economics" of Mannheim university. He stressed the impact of the Kenneth Clarke's indepen

next key election, in October | dent advisors, David Currie, economics professor at the "A German government London School of Economics which, in early 1998, agreed to argued that, even if such ob-ioin the third stage of EMU, stacles to monetary union exist, a single currency could still be achieved.

## Manufacturing falls yet again

Bleak outlook supports rate cut decision | most recent figures remain | equipment but factory output grim. There is every chance | grim. There is every chance | decision | that the coming months will | April was 0.5 per cent higher but housing on the up, says SARAH RYLE

inflation.

ANUFACTURERS struggling with recession face continued stagnation over the months ahead in sharp contrast to other, buoyant sectors of the economy, official figures confirmed yesterday.

City analysts blamed a backlog of unsold stocks and weak export demand, especially in Europe, for the 0.3 per cent fall in manufacturing production in April. Factory cal recession after two succesquarters of decline. It

I three months to April, according to the Office for National Statistics which estimates that the growth rate of manu-

trial output will remain Although manufacturing was more buoyant last year than was first thought, possibly even boosting GDP by 0.1 per cent following official data revisions, the ONS said these new figures did not indicate a fundamental

improvement.

facturing and overall indus-

There was fresh speculation that unless the sector

showed significant improve ment, there could be another cut in base rates from the new level of 5.75 per cent.
Analysts said the figures

supported last month's rate cut. Nikko's UK economist Simon Briscoe said: "The economy is suffering from more than a temporary spell of destocking blues. If the May's production price figrecovery fails to take hold rates will be cut again as inflation falls."

The UNS survey showed HSBC James Capel econosignificant decreases in secabsolutely flat in the mist Adam Cole said: "The tors such as machinery and in mid-July

April was 0.5 per cent higher than it was a year ago.

The contrast between factory stagnation and the revival in consumer spending was highlighted by yesterday's separate data showing a second consecutive monthly rise in new orders for private housing in April. It took them to their highest level for over a year, according to figures from the Department of the Environmen

ures from the US were down 0.1 per cent, easing concern that inflation would provoke the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates when it meets

#### Court grants injunction against Asda in Anadin price cut battle

lan King

ASDA, the supermarket group, was last night removing Anadin Paracetamol, the top-selling aspirin. from the shelves of its 207 stores after the High Court banned it from selling the | because of its support for painkilling drug at a discount.

Asda, which has been at the forefront of a campaign against retail price maintenance — the agreement that sets a minimum price at which drugs can be sold immediately said it was considering an appeal said: "We estimate that for against the injunction, every pound spent by the

Anadin tablets to 86p. The move enraged Whitehall that this is all about sup-Laboratories, which took port for neighbourhood its case to the High Court pharmacies."

when Asda refused to reinstate the original price.

The High Court ordered Asda to restore prices to the legally-enforceable level of £1.72 for 24 tablets. Welcoming the decision. Whitehall Laboratories said it had taken its action retail price maintenance, and attacked Asda's move as "misconceived"

It was backed by the Community Action Pharmacy Group, which represents 10,000 pharmacists. However, Gwyn Burr, As-

da's marketing director, granted to Anadin's maker
Whitehall Laboratories.
On Monday, Asda halved
the price of a packet of 24
Anadin tablets to 86p. The
Customer on Anadin
Paracetamol, 80 per cent is profit margin for manufacturer and retailer.
So much for the argument

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## Consumers still have to pay £400m atom levy

Electricity bills will be cut by up to £20 but customers will continue to fund clean-up of reactors. SIMON BEAVIS reports

£400 million this year esterday by the indus try regulator to cut the annual subsidy paid by consumers, reducing bills by up

Stephen Littlechild, the director general of electricity supply, expects to cut the so-called nuclear levy from a 10 per cent surcharge on all bills to a 3.7 per cent charge for the five months from November This will bring price cuts of hetween £15 and £20 on an av-

erage domestic bill of £284.
Ministers promised to
scrap the nuclear levy — instituted in 1990 to pay for the decommissioning of ageing Magnox reactors — when it completed the privatisation of the country's eight most modern reactors owned by British Energy.

But they were forced to

backtrack on the commitment after the build up of substandesignated for the nuclear in-

dustry.

The levy was initially set at a rate of 10.5 per cent and was supposed to decline steadily in the eight years to 1998. But it rose to 11 per cent in the remained at 10 per cent ever since — raising some £1.2 billion a year for the nuclear industry.
The Government has

agreeing to pay a further £3.8 illion of taxpayers' money to Magnox Electric - the company formed to own the old reactors not being privatised — to fund the clean up of the

Critics argue that the clean up bill is in effect being paid twice over by consumers to smooth the path of next month's privatisation of Brit-

Professor Littlechild said: "In setting the levy rate I have always been conscious the minimum level consistent with the regulations. In a full year this change in the levy will reduce the bill of a typisome £15 to £20.1

Energy Minister Tim Eggar

LECTRICITY custom- said the news was "yet fur-ers will have to pay ther good news for electricity consumers". Bills were already at their lowest since 1974 and he pointed out that customers had had a one-off £50 cut this year because of the float of the National Grid. But Labour said the cut

would be eaten up because of the 7.5 per cent VAT on fuel bills. Energy spokesman John Battle said: "What would be even better news would be if the Tories called off nuclear privatisation which is a last sperate dash for cash in which taxpayers are subsidising a massive 40 per cent fatcat salary for the board of the

privatised company."
The National Consumers
Council welcomed the cut, although it said that most custhough it said that most cus-tomers did not even realise they were paying the subsidy. Acting director, Robin Simp-son, said: "We do not see why the consumers should be pay-ing this levy in the first place. Consumers are bearing the brunt of this subsidy which is in effect a hidden tax."

is, in effect, a hidden tax." Meanwhile, East Midlands Electricity, one of the four regional electricity compa-nies not bought out or in takethe recent flurry of merger ac-tivity in the electricity and

Chief executive Norman Askew said the benefits of many of the mergars would prove illusory unless companies could achieve much refused to comment on whether the company, a frequent subject of takeover speculation, was in talks with possible bidders.

Mr Askew revealed that pre-tax profits for the company remained almost flat at £214.2 million last year before taking account of a £73.3 million credit from the sale of the companies stake in the National Grid

A new price cap on its distribution business cut profits by £31 million. But the olicy has been to set at it at lings of £23.5 million, partly ne minimum level consistent from the cut of 150 jobs, and a £26 million windfall from the sale of the Grid's pump storage business.

Mr Askew said job cuts and savings would continue at a



## WH Smith spends £50m putting Boots in to Lo It All

OUTLOOK/ DIY shake-up should benefit both former partners, says IAN KING

T WAS one of the City's worst-kept secrets. Two of Britain's best-known High Street names, WH Smith and Boots, yesterday announced a radical shakeup that sees WH Smith relinquish its 50 per cent stake in Do It All, the pair's DIY joint venture, passing over to Boots what many regard as little more than a poisoned chalice.

Under the terms of the deal, Boots is paying a nom-inal £1 for WH Smith's shareholding in Do It All, which boasts 199 branches and 6,336 employees.

The agreement also obliges WH Smith to pay £50 million to take Do It All off its hands, of which £10 million is payable at once, with the remaining £40 million in equal instalments over the next four years. WH Smith

Pauline Springell

ORTHERN Foods yes

terday severely de-nounced both the Gov-

ernment for its handling of the BSE crisis and Milk

Marque for failing to reduce

its milk prices.

The criticism came as

Northern unveiled a 4.1 per cent increase in its profit be-

now achieved its target of a 40 per cent reduction in glass

milk bottling capacity No further closures were

will also write off £85 million of goodwill following the sale. were not too many prospective buyers for WH Smith's stake while Boots, with its Boots intends to keep 134

of the stores, and in an up-beat presentation to analysts yesterday, chairman Lord Blyth said the group was pleased to do so on the terms agreed. The news comes as no

surprise. According to WH Smith's new chief execu-tive, Bill Cockburn, the company has injected £75 million into the venture over the last five years. Closure would have presented "unthinkable" costs to the group, with many rents having between 15 and 17 years to run, while the offer from Boots was the only serious one. WH Smith's wish to dump

Do It All was well known in the City, and arguably, Mr Cockburn's desire to get rid of it has made him a hostage to fortune. For the former Post Office boss was appointed only five months blanche to address deepseated - problems of which the cash baemorrhage known as Do It All was the Unfortunately, there

said he envisaged employing additional staff this year.

about the Government's handling of the BSE crisis, al-

though he stressed it was not a serious problem for North-ern. British beef was perfectly safe to eat, he said, but con-

sumer confidence had been

severely dented. He said he

Government had ensured that animal feed regulations were

enforced properly in 1988. BSE would not have become a

Air Haskins was scathing

£600 million cash pile, was quite happy to hang on until the DIY market im-

proved. The pair had worked hard on Do It All, installing several state of the art systems, and Boots — quite reasonably — DIY market share

planned. Instead. Mr Haskins | problem. He said the crisis | it exerts a monopolistic influ-

would probably cut £5 million

off the group's operating

profit in the current year

However, although BSE would hit some of the compa-

ny's prepared foods products, it was helping to boost the sales of non-beef foods.

The company was also sharply critical of Milk Marque which it said had

ers, such as Northern, argue farms

ficially high.

He said if Milk Marque did not reduce its prices at the

next pricing round in July, there would be an industry

row. The issue is currently

the subject of an Office of Fair

Trading investigation which should report soon.
Northern buys 60 per cent

of its milk from Milk Marque

wanted to reap the benefits. | lapse of the housing mar-A cynic would say Boots | ket, along with intensifying | cedsusiness supplies op-had Mr Cockburn over a | pressure from rivals like | crat<sub>n</sub>, but greater B&Q and Sainsbury's Ho-The sale marks the end of mebase chain made the DIY

market a bloody place to be in the early-to-mid 1990s. which began when WH Smith agreed to merge Do It All with Boots's Payless subsidiary.

was Ladbroke, which sold its Texas chain to Sainsbury last year, while even respected players like Wickes have suffered as the housing market failed to improve. Although staff at the Do It All stores being kept by Boots will be delighted by yesterday's acquisition em-ployees at the 65 stores now up for sale will be less en-thused, as will the several hundred WH Smith staff whose jobs are also under For the sale of Do It All is just one plank of WH Smith's rehabilitation under the pugnacious Mr Cockburn, who is coming to the end of his honeymoon period, and who later today will announce the findings of an extensive review he

The first to bite the bullet

has conducted of the group's businesses.
Already Mr Cockburn

eratu, but greater chans are afoot.

Amg the changes he is likelyo announce today

are a seping redundancy programe, the loss of just under 100 jobs, the aban-donne of WH Smith's expensive oane Square pre-mises 1d the group's probab relocation to Swindox

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The tlat to jobs notwithstang, the future is now clear for both Boots and WH tith, and possibly rosier, a result of yesterday's d. Boots should see its halwork on Do It All rewald by an improvement, the housing market, any shares rose 12%p to 6%p in reflection, whill WH Smith, whose shar added 3p to 484p, is nowse to concentrate on it core brand along with thur Price realong with ithur Price record and Wastones book

has the betterack record, and its shareare better value. But Whaith represents one of theore interhas reduced WH Smith's esting recoveryays availables with last month's able right now.

## Severn payout rises by 14pc

Chris Barrie

A payout for investors and a huge rise in profits at the Severn Trent water company reignited political con-troversy yesterday over the earnings of utility companies. As Labour renewed its warning that it would impose a windfall tax on water companies. Birmingham-based Severn Trent announced it

BUMPER £118 million

was raising its ordinary full-year dividend by 14 per cent to 32.37p and that it would cut dividend cover from 2.8 times to 2 by the end of the decade, raising the prospect of even higher payouts. Announcing pre-tax profits up by 39.4 per cent to £373 mil-

lion on turnover of £1.157 billion, Severn Trent also reiterated its determination to bid for South West Water. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission is considering possible bids from both Sev-

Shadow environment secre-

NGINEERING group Bab

cock International yesterday blamed falling orders from Saudi Arabia, following the al-Mas'ari affair, for a

slump in full year pre-tax profits from £7.8 million to

Babcock, which signalled its difficulties in a profits warning earlier this year, said it had suffered a signifi-

cant loss of orders in its pro-cess division which had led to substantial trading losses.

Announcing the results. John Parker, chairman, said the loss of orders had been due to "well-publicised issues

lan King

Babcock's profits plunge to

£3.1m after al-Mas'ari clash

associated with UK-Saudi | 1p at 95p on the figures.

tary Frank Dobson accused Severn Trent of putting "prof-its before customers". At 21.7 billion since privatisation they are the highest in the industry. He said the company's pipes had leaked more than 115 million gallons every day last vear.

Criticised recently by the industry regulator, Ian Byatt, as one of three companies to allow leakage rates to in-crease, Severn Trent said it would spend an extra £40 million over two years and halve leakage to 12 per cent by 2000. It is also spending an extra £60 million to avoid limits on supplies this summer. Reser voirs are 87 per cent full

Vic Cocker, group chief ex-ecutive, rejected Labour's call for a windfall tax. "It ignores the whole point of privatisation, to finance a big improve

ment in quality standards."

Mr Cocker said he would pursue alliances with other types of utility, forecasting that it would be normal for utilities to offer a range of ser-vices. The shares closed unchanged at 584p.

Arabian political and trading "We greatly regret the loss, since Saudi Arabia has been a valued and long-standing cus-

tomer base. The considerable diplomatic efforts made by HM Government at very

senior levels to support our endeavours have been very

much appreciated, and we look forward to re-bidding in that market when normal trading conditions are restored."

Babcock is one of several

British firms hit by falling Saudi orders following the government's failure to de-port Saudi dissident Mo-hamed al-Mas'ari

Babcock shares closed up

#### adopted a "King Canute" ap-proach to milk prices by fail-ing to reduce them despite the fact that market conditions was unhappy about the Gov-ernment's dealings with fore tax and exceptional items with the balance bought di-rectly from farms. Mr Hasat £124.2 million. Chairman Christopher Haskins said the Europe over the beef ban. "It's a British problem. This kins said he eventually wanted to buy all Northern's company's restructuring was now completed. In particular he noted that Northern had ought to be making them fall. Milk Marque replaced the Milk Marketing Board in nonsense has got to stop." he milk directly from the farmers, orguing that it was

Nicklaus offers slice of his empire

Northern beefs about milking

Golden Bear right | on course, writes MARK TRAN in New York

ACK Nicklaus, golf's Golden Bear, is taking a swing on Wall Street by selling a \$27 million (£15 mil-llon) stake in his golfing

company.
One of the most successful golfers in the history of the game. Mr Nicklaus is to unload 1.8 million shares of Golden Bear Golf at an esti-

Since his halcyon golfing days. Mr Nicklaus has become a successful business tycoon, combining commerce with his love for the sport. He has designed 124 golf courses in 23 countries and licensed the Nicklaus name through about 20 companies in some 35 countries to market sports-wear, luggage, belts and other

goods. Golden Bear Golf will be North Palm Beach, Florida.

working capital and general corporate purposes, including repayment of a \$1 million debt to Mr Nicklaus.

Golden Bear businesses range from the ownership and operation of golf practice and instruction centres to li-censing the Nicklaus name. The company owns two practice centres and has signed an agreement for a third. It has ambitious expansion plans, having identified 60 to 70

markets that can support one or more of these facilities and plans to acquire 19 additional facilities by the end of 1997. The proceeds from the share sale may be used to pay for these or for additional advertising and product expansion. Golden Bear had an operat ing income of \$450,000 in the

first quarter of this year, up from \$447,000 a year before. Revenues rose to \$4.97 million in the 1906 first quarter, from 81.25 million a year earlier. Mr Nicklaus is one of several professional golfers to have transferred their skills goods.
Golden Bear Golf will be spun off from his closely held Golden Bear International in more recently. Greg Norman. The proceeds will be used for laken up the mantle.



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Wall Street swing .... Jack Nicklaus hones to raise \$27m

#### News in brief

## £100m plastics plnt will create 200 job

UP to 200 jobs will be created with the construction of a net £100 million plastics plant in Scotland, it was amounced yarday. A further 300 people will be employed during the construct of the new complex, at Grangemouth on the Firth of Forth, which is manufacture polypropylene, a versatile plastic used in processing from car bumpers to carpets and crisp packets.

According to the numers of the new complex. Annual — 2 to

According to the owners of the new complex, Appryl—and enture company formed by Elf Atochem and BP Chemical the venture company formed by an Atochem and or Chemical the plant should be fully operational by 1999. Scottish industry rister. George Kynoch said: "Appryl's announcement today is goodws for Grangemouth and good news for the Scottish economy." 34

## Amersham products boost

AMERSHAM International, the life sciences and health can group, yesterday said successful sales of new products had hed it lift full year pre-tax profits by 8 per cent to £50.8 million. The group, which was forced to put out a profits warning last Nov. group, which was forced to pur out a profits warning last 1903, ber, said trading during the second half of the financial year been an improvement on the flat first half.

Bill Castell, chief executive, said the improvement showed, underlying strength of the businesses, with a return to growth the life science and health care divisions. Amersham enjoyed the profit of the businesses, with a return to growth the life science and health care divisions. Amersham enjoyed the profit of the pro

"promising" sales of ThermoSequenase, its new enzyme product and Myoview, its cardiac imaging product. Amersham shares gained 28p to 1043p by the market close. — Ian King

## Salisbury deadline nears

THE fate of Salisburys, the luggage chain of collapsed British retailer Facia, could be sealed by noon tomorrow, the deadline forest for the stores. "There has been a considerable amount of interest charge in Salisburge, with small store 100 calculates and interest of the stores." offers for the stores. "There has been a considerable amount of interest shown in Salisburys, with well over 100 sales particulan having been sent out to interested parties in the last few days," said Maurice Withall, a partner in Facia receivers Grant Thornton.

These have resulted in a number of preliminary offers and

These have resulted in a number of preliminary others and therefore we have decided to set a deadline of Thursday noon for final bids." he added. On June 6, 39 Salisbury stores were sold to Mister Minit for a "substantial sum", leaving 130 stores still for

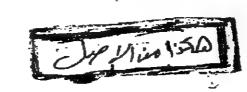
## **Tarmac profits warning**

TARMAC chairman Sir John Banham vesterday underlined the still-fragile state of the construction industry by warning that the group will report "headline" profits, for the six months to June, "well down" on the equivalent period last year. He said difficult markets had been compounded in European and North American markets by exceptionally bad weather. — Extel

## NFC's transport of delight

NFC, the transport group headed by new BBC chairman Sir Christopher Bland, yesterday announced a better-than-expected 43 per cent improvement in half year pre-tax profits to £49.1 million. The group, whose British businesses include Exel Logistics and home removals outfit Pickfords, said the benefits from its recent restructuring programme had already started to show.

NFC shares closed on 171p, up 20p — Ian King



**Rugby Union** 

Plan to join

southern series receives quick thumbs down

Greg Growden in Sydney and Chris Hewett

national series, Australian officials said

financing the package — Rupert Murdoch. For several weeks, Australian Rugby Football Union officials have rejected claims

that England could be invited, possibly as early as next year, to join the Wallabies, New

Zealand and South Africa in

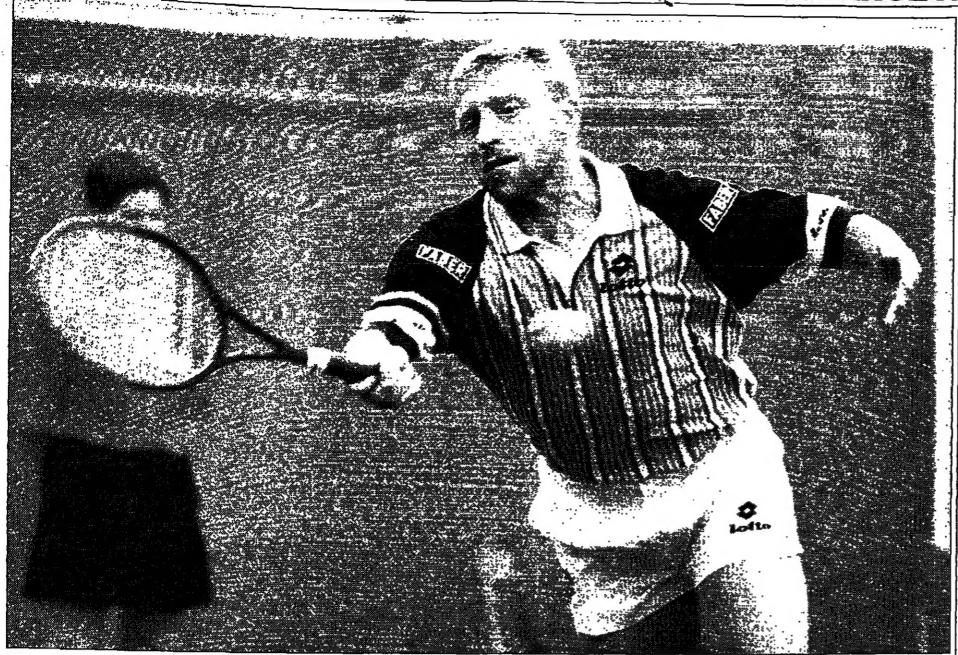
the Sanzar annual Test series.

England in the south-ern hemisphere inter-

**Australia** 

says no to

**England** 



Becker to the fore . . . the German on his way to a 6-4, 6-2 victory over the South African Chris Haggard. He now meets Jonathan Stark of the United States PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKING

**DFS Classic** 

## Fine for no-show Spirlea

tichard Jago in Birmingham

COMPLAINT to the Women's Tennis
Association about the
late withdrawal of Irina
Spirlea, originally one of
the top three seeds at this
week's DFS Classic at the
Edgbaston Priory Club, is
almost certain to be forlowed by a fine for the lowed by a fine for the Romanian world No. 17.

The grass-court tourna-Feaver had irritated words with the WTA after Spirles. who had claimed a toe injury, was seen practising at Eastbourne on Sunday.

Spirlea also dropped out of last month's WTA tour event in Cardiff, the Rover Championships, where she had been the top seed and where more than 50 women altogether pulled out.

Withdrawals have be-come an increasing prob-lem on the women's tour. underlined when six of the Edgbaston top 16 pulled out. That triggered the complaint from a frustrated Feaver, an employed of the LTA, who organise and bankroll the events.

"I won't have her mess-ing us about," said Feaver. This is like having a party and drawing up the invita-tion list for the sponsors and having it changed."

and having it changed.

The likely outcome is a \$500 (£330) fine for Spirlea. who has already used the one sick-note withdrawal permitted. Not too much can be made of the 22-yearold's selfish action as the champion and No. I seed Zina Garrison-Jackson was an even later withdrawal.

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The American is not being penalised, however, as the marriage problems keeping her at home in Houston have also seen her

pull out of Wimbledon.
With no play possible yesterday Clare Wood's firstround match against the US world No. 100, Nicola Arendt, will now start this morning. But the British No. 1. ranked 188 in the even before ensuring the guarantees, then San Marino world, could sing in the safety of the participants, is to keep the public away from list. rain at the news of her wild card into Wimbledon.

Stella Artois Championship, Queen's Club

## Henman hangs on for the battle

the first anniversary of Thomas Muster's victory in the French victory in the French the first suc-Open. He could hardly have imagined a year ago that he would be celebrating his first victory on grass in Britain and only the second of his long career on the manicured

lighted him as he put behind Javier Frana. him the tennis equivalent of the world No. 61 the world No. 62 the world No. 63 the world No. 63 the world No. 64 the world No. 64 the world No. 65 the world N in the mind, you know." pleaded throughout the final

The bespectacled Raoux set with the tournament

**Motor Racing** 

THE San Marino Grand Prix at Imola could be

removed from the 1997 world

championship schedule un-

less the organisers give a

guarantee that there will be no repeat of the crowd inva-sion at the end of last month's

To back up this threat the

Fia's world motor sport coun-

cil, the sport's governing

body, yesterday imposed a \$1 million (£666,000) fine on the

San Marino organisers for the

inadequate spectator controls

which allowed fans to flood

Fia has told the Imola orga-

nisers that 75 per cent of the fine is suspended, but the bal-ance will become payable

should there be a track inva-

The council's tough line

was backed up by a firm mes-sage from the Fia president Max Mosley. "Our first duty.

on to the circuit.

sion in 1997 or 98.

Alan Henry

Imola fined \$1m and warned

over crowd invasion

cess in six grass-court matches in Britain. His only other win on turf was over Marcus Ondruska in South Africa this year. "I enjoyed it; it's a lovely surface," said the

Austrian afterwards. Muster's survival will set up an intriguing third-round clash with Britain's Tim Henman, if the Oxfordshire voungster can defeat Russia' Andrei Olhovskiy today.

Henman wowed the crowd yesterday with a fighting 6-7,

17 when he dropped seven points in a row, After denying Frana on a break point at 5-5 he earned set point a game supervisor Tom Barnes to suspend play but his suggestion fell on deaf ears. His atti-

competing cars," he said. "We can only do this with the help

of police authorities. Track



David Irvine sees Britain's No. 1 put up a fine fight

grimmer for Britain's No. when Frana, returning and passing superbly on the back-hand, led 3-1 and 40-0 in the second. Then Henman's char-acter and resilience began to the wind. "On every shot can qualifier Steve Bryan.

Rugby League

emerge, "I knew then I had to hang in or it would be over." And hang in he did; breaking back and four games later and snatching the lead on a glorious forehand pass down the line before serving out to level the match.

The first six games of the third were predictably close-fought. Henman's serve showed increasing bite and his volleying was often of the highest quality. It was his fierce low backhand that sub-sequently undid Frana, who dived but netted his volley to give Henman a 4-3 advantage. More drama was to come. Ienman double-faulted to let

Frana back to 4-4 after which his opponent repaid him in fore going down 7-1 in the tie-kind to give Henman a 5-4 lead. This time Henman's Daniel Vacek, who partnerve held. Victory had taken 2hr 9min.

Heuman was delighted to have played so well. "Even so I could have lost. To play well and win is an added bonus."

from one end you had to be so careful and hit with a lot more spin. From the other you had to hit as hard as you could and put the ball deep."

One British success was a poor return on the day. Mark Petchey blew a golden opportunity to beat Gianluca Pozzi after fighting back from 2-4 in the third. But he failed to captallications and the state of the stat italise on any of three breakpoints at 5-5 and went down 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 after thr 45min. Chris Wilkinson looked in

danger of being blown away by the ninth-seeded French left-hander Guy Forget, who was 4-0 up in eight minutes points at 5-4 in the second be-

nered Thomas Muster, the French Open singles cham-pion, to the doubles title in Paris, found the sudden switch from clay to grass too much to handle. The No. 11 seed lost 6-1, 7-5 to the Ameri-

## England look to new order

Paul Fitzpatrick on tonight's European Championship game against France

invasions are not acceptable and will not be tolerated." Next year's race will not be permitted to take place unless the organisers submit a complete plan detailing how such chaos will be prevented in the future, including a police plan pean Championship game at Gateshead tonight, it is hard to see beyond another em-phatic defeat for the French. confirmed and agreed in writ-France lost 34-14 at Carcas-sonne last week to a Welsh team below full strength and ing by the Italian authorities. These words will also act as a warning to the organisers of this Sunday's Canadian Grand Prix at Montreal they are unlikely to make much headway against an England side that, despite where a similar track inva-

some enforced changes, looks far from makeshift sion greeted Jean Alesi's maiden Formula One victory A provisional schedule for There are some good youngsters about at present and when Phil Larder, the Engnext season published yesterday includes 13 firm dates with three other venues to be land coach, lost Daryl Powell and Mick Cassidy through inannounced. These could be a jury he was able to call on two richly talented replacements US Grand Prix in Florida, a in Steve Blakeley and Paul return to Austria and possibly events in either China or

Sculthorpe. Blakeley, the Salford Reds stand-off, would have been many people's choice ahead of Powell anyway and Scul-

LTHOUGH England will | old back-row forward, is a A LTHOUGH England will have six newcomers in player of exceptional promise. He will play for England in the second row

tonight.
Paul Rowley and John Lawess, two of a crop of fine young emerging hookers, as well as Steve Prescott and Matt Calland, are the other new boys. The side is captained from

oose forward by Andrew Farrell, such an established part of the scene now that it is hard to believe he is only 21. But there is no shortage of experience either and a three-quarter line of Robinson, Connolly, Newlove and Offiah has the potential to wreak some fearful damage on the French team.

With the exception of Shef-field's Jean-Marc Garcia and Villeneuve's Jerome Bisson, France are Paris St Germain by another name and unfortuthorpe, Warrington's 18-year- nately PSG at present are a

tired and dispirited side, hammered in a sweltering Charlety Stadium last Friday by a rampant Castleford.

They have been forced to make three changes from last week, with Eric Vergniol, Wigan's Gael Tallec, and Regis Pastre-Courtine ruled out. Laurent Lucchese plays at full-back with Freddy Ban-quet switching to centre. Jac-ques Pech comes into the

If England win, as seems more than likely, they will meet the holders Wales to settle the title in Cardiff on June 26.

ENGLAND: Pro RNGLAND: Promett (St Melens); Robinsow (Wigan), Commely (Wigan), Bendere (St Helens), Otthe (Wigan), Blakeley (Sallord Rads), Edwards (Wigan), Marrison (Helfax BS), Lawless (Sreffled Engles), Brondbert (Shellad Engles), Joyat (St Helens), Scattherpe (Warrington), Farrell (Wigan, capt). Sebuttets: McMannara (Bradford Bulle), Sfoffey (Fetherstone Royers), Hewisy (Hallax BS), Callens (Bradford Bulle), McGelland (Bradford Bulle).

FRANCE (all Parts St Germain un stated): Lucchese; Corredo, Co Stated): Lucchese; Corvello, Garol (Sheffield Engles), Resupet, Bornet (Sheffield Engles), Resupet, Bornet Deveschi, Shink (Lapit); Bornet Torrellos, Teknolo, Gabeshay, Jensy Peeth, Substitutes: Yaka, Adams Bisson (Vilicheuve), Van Brussel. occasional England Test appearances, but extensive itineraries, and also regular visits by the All Blacks.
Wallables and Springboks to Twickenham.

However, there are several crucial factors working against England. Australia and New Zealand are not keen to bring another team in and it would put extra strain on an already crammed itingerary that must include the

yesterday, but the final say is likely to rest with the man play out of season, as the tri-nations series is set for July-August. Also any changes must have unanimous agree-ment from the three unions,

Nonetheless, Sanzar rely heavily on Murdoch. If he be play southern-hemisphere nations regularly at Twickenham, and elsewhere, it would not surprise anyone, espe-cially in Australia, if he told Sanzar what to do.

The push for England's inclusion has gathered strength since their £87.5 million agreement with BSkyB for television rights to all domes-tic rugby, including interna-tionals at Twickenham, which is threatening their participation in the Five Nations tournament. England could well seek refuge in the southern hemisphere, particularly as News Corporation is also the region's prime financier, with

Sanzar relying on a A\$766 million (£370 million) 10-year News Corporation television deal to pay its players in the tri-nations Test series and the Super 12 tournament. It did not take long for Australian officials to put up the barriers yesterday, with the the union's chief executive John O'Neill stating that Eng-land's inclusion in the tournament was "not a realistic option in the near future".

Sanzar officials argue that they have a 10-year agreement to stage an annual trinations series. However, sev-eral influential South African powerbrokers, including the president of the South Afri-can RFU Louis Luyt, have shown interest in inviting England to play the three teams regularly.

ary that must include the highly successful Super 12 tournament.
England would be forced to

The row in the England camp over the BSkyB deal last night left Cliff Brittle, the embattled executive chair-man of the Rugby Football Union, looking increasingly isolated. His accusations that the RFU is no longer demo-cratic has not struck a chord with the grass-roots support-ers who swept him to power six months ago.

Roy Phillips, the immediate past president of the county champions Gloucestershire— who supported Brittle's exec-utive candidacy— and a member of the RFU, said yesterday: "Cliff has been kicked around and vilified and Γm sure he feels he hasn't received the sort of support he expected. But I believe a good 95 per cent of rugby ad-ministrators in England are asking themselves whether all the politicking and bad feeling of recent months was

entirely necessary."

Jonathan Dance, the secretary of the commission that last sutumn studied the pro-fessionalising of the domestic game, pointed out: "On May 24 the full committee, includ-ing Cliff Brittle, met and unanimously passed the deal. Nabedy world expinet it." Nobody voted against it.'

#### Beaumont and Cotton in the frame for Lions job

TWO former England captains, Bill Beaumont and fore receiving a deep cut on Fran Cotton, are the leading candidates to be appointed manager of the Lions' tour of South Africa next year. Duncan Paterson, the former Scotis also in the frame for the post. The four home unions will announce their decision

Ironically, an English manager would face the prospect of having no English players in the squad if the feud over TV rights between England and the other three nations is | Broughton, Rowen Shepherd not resolved.

Scotland's joy at beating a South Island Divisional XV 63-21 in Blenheim yesterday was shortlived. The tourists have injury worries three days before the first Test against the All Blacks in Dunedin with both outside centres, Graham Shiel and Scott Hastings, picking up knee

Hastings had replaced Shiel for the second Test in the second half of the game on Saturday week.

his left knee that needed immediate stitching. The tour manager Jim Telfer said that Scotland will

almost certainly delay announcing their Test team. One player who has forced his way back into the Test reckoning is the flanker Peter Walton. The Newcastle forward capped an excellent performance with two tries, a feat also achieved by both wings, Tony Stanger and Ken Logan. Gary Armstrong, Nick scored tries.

Andrew Gibbs is among the Wales Test hopefuls who go into today's match against Australia B under floodlights at Brisbane. The Newbridge flanker, the No. 8 Emyr Lewis, the lock Paul Arnold and the fly-half Arwel Thomas are in the selectors minds as they ponder the side for the second Test in Sydney

## Richmond swoop for Moore

Ironically the solicitor, colleague Ben Clarke.

joining them.

BRIAN MOORE, the former England hooker, has opted to come out of retirement to play for Richmond next season. Only last week Richmond's very last League Two rivals Bedford club, allowing them to announced that Moore was recruit players such as Moore's former England

#### Chess

#### Karpov carves out a draw

Leonard Barden

ANATOLY KARPOV played a hard-fought 49-KARPOV move draw with his American challenger Gata Kamsky as the Fide world championship at Elista remained deadlocked at 11: points each. The fourth game in the 20-game series will be played today. After Kamsky switched

openings following his defeat in the first game of the match. 21 63 both players had a long think. Karpov pondered for half an hour before his 13th turn, 27 Ray then Kamsky spent a full

hour on his 16th. The 22-year-old New Yorker has found a clever freeing ma-noeuvre which exchanged 39 Rds several pieces and reached an endgame where his rook and knight easily contained his Russian opponent's rook and bishop. At the end, Black had

the initiative and the 45-yearold Karpov was glad to repeat White: Karpov Black: Third game

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## Results

Rugby Union

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**Fixtures** Rugby Union

## Rugby League EUROPEAN SUPER LEAGUE CHAEP-ONSNIP: England v France (8.0, Galeshead). ALLIANCE: Leeds v Warrington (7.30).

SECOND XI CHARPIONSHIP (Final day of three, 11.0); Postardalais: Glamorgan v Medifleson, Portspouder Hampshire v Curbern, Maldatouse: Keni v Serrey, Floebreiod: Lancashire v Essex, Milton Keynes: Northamptonshire v Laidelle-ture. Workeaper Kodlinghumshire v Warwickshire, Horsteams Susser v Somerael. MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP 11.0; Wisbeck Cambridgeshire v Sustain. Camposite Sistfordshire v Norton.

## Sport in brief

Romario, the Brazilian striker, is heading back to Spain following a year at home. He has provisionally signed for the First Division club Valencia. Romario, who left Barcelona to play for Flamengo last year, complaining of home-sickness, was unhappy about sharing the lime-light at the Rio club with his striking partner Bebeto, who has also just returned to Brazil from Spain.

## Tennis

Mark Petchey and Clare Wood, who both won Beckenham Open Singles titles last weekend, have been given wild cards into Wimbldeon. Petchey is among six British | the 1999 Rugby World Cup in wild-card entries in the men's | Wales.

#### singles. The others are Chris Wilkinson, Danny Sapsford, Jeremy Bates, Nick Gould

and Luke Milligan.

Along with Brighton's Wood, Sam Smith, Rachel Viollett, Megan Miller and the American Pam Shriver received wild cards in the women's singles. The 34-yearold Bates also receives a wild card in the men's doubles, where he partners Wilkinson, for his last Wimbledon before

#### Rugby Union

The former Wales captain Paul Thorburn has left Neath to join Dunvant in the Heineken League First Division next season. The 33-year-old full-back, who played for his country 37 times, 10 as captain, was recently appointed as tournament director for

#### ice Hockey

## Colorado sweep the ice

HE Colorado Ava-lanche completed a clean sweep over the Florida Panthers yesterday to win the Stanley Cup in their first season after relocation following 16 fruit-

less years as the Quebec Nordiques. They defeated the Pan-thers 1-0 in Miami to wrap up the series with a fourth successive win when the veteran German defenceman Uwe Krupp scored in the fifth minute of the third overtime just after 1 am to end the longest game of a final series since Edmonton beat Boston in 1990. The Florida fans greeted Krupp's strike by showering the ice with plastic rats, a favour normally reserved for Panthers goals.

Krupp was an unlikely matchwinner because he had appeared in only six games before the final series after injuring a knee in October and he did not start playing again until April. He had not scored in the regular season, but made up for that by finding the target on four occasions in the finals.

Although the final glory belonged to Krupp, the Conn Smythe Trophy for the MVP went to Joe Sakic, whose 18 play-off goals were one short of the NHL record held by Philadelphia's Reggie Leach and Edmonton's Jari Kurri.
"For the rest of my life I will always remember this moment." Sakic said.

Colorado's netminder Patrick Roy, a previous winner with Montreal, enjoyed his eighth successive finals victory and is now two games short of the record held by Ken Dryden.



Unstoppable Avalanche . . . Colorado's Joe Sakic celebrates Uwe Krupp's winning goal

"It was a rough race, that's the nature of the Derby, but the best horse won, the second-best horse was second. and the third-best third. You've got to have the pace to hold a position, the class to get there and be able to prove you can come down the hill quickest - and one horse

Gosden has had a quiet start this year and admitted:
"I am having my worst season ever." Injury has blighted
his Classic hopes. "Basically I
had two or three key horses

A few of his team are still suffering from a muscle enzyme problem which has prevented them from running, but the stable plans to have 10 runners at the Royal meeting. They include Tamure, run-ner-up to Lammtarra in the Derby 12 months ago. He might make his seasonal debut in the Hardwicke Stakes, "as long as the ground is good, otherwise we might delay his comeback."

Racing

# Shantou in shape

HANTOU, a strongfinishing third to Shaamit in the Derby on Saturday, is expected to make a quick reappearance in the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot next week.

"He tried to drop his rider this morning, bucking and kicking," said trainer John Gosden yesterday. "He's not had a hard preparation. He had a run 10 days before the race, a blow-out since the race, and he's come out of it

Some described Shanton as an unlucky loser but Gosden was not disappointed by the

break down. It happens.

Michael Stoute, too, will be | and cantered on Monday. The keeping an eye on the weather during the next week or so. His impressive John Mark Johnston has lost the weather during the next week or so. His impressive John Porter Stakes winner Election Day will take on Tamure provided the ground is not too fast and Rocky Oasis, second to Shantou at Sandown last month, could renew rivalry in the King Edward VII Stakes, which will be the penultimate rece of the meeting this year.

race of the meeting this year.

"He's exciting," said Stoute
of Election Day, a rare compliment from a trainer who
regards superlatives as taboo

Warm dry weather is ex-pected to continue until at least the early part of next week and Nick Cheyne, clerk of the course at Ascot, said he would water to ensure that the going did not become too fast for Britain's best-known meeting, which carries prize money this year in excess of £2 million for the first time. Stoute's Dr Massini, who was ante-post favourite for

the Derby before going lame three days beforehand, could meet Shaamit in the Budweiser Irish Derby on June

race to get Double Eclipse ready in time for the Ascot Gold Cup. Double Trigger will defend his stayers' title in the big race on Thursday but Double Eclipse, who ran his brother to a head in the Goodwood Cup last year, will prob-ably wait for the Doncaster

Cup in September. Ladbrokes have opened betting on the Queen Anne Stakes, the first race of the Royal meeting on Tuesday, and make Godolphin's Charnwood Forest a short-priced favourite at 5-4 with Timarida second best at 4-1.
The St James's Palace

Stakes will probably be the strongest race of the meeting with three Guineas winners in the line-up. Hill's have installed the

Irish 2,000 Guineas winner Spinning World at the head of the market, on offer at 2-1, while the French winner Ash-kalani is 5-2.

Mark Of Esteem, successful at Newmarket, is 7-2, and the Guineas third Bijou d'Inde at "He had a shoe put on Sat 6-1, with Beauchamp King a urday, exercised on Sunday 10-1 chance.

#### BHB target betting duty cut

HE British Horseracing for Kenneth Clarke lowered Board aims to have betting duty from 7%% to ting duty cut to 5 per cent when it meets with the Treasury at the end of next month, its chief executive Tristram Ricketts said yesterday.

Its proposels will have the backing of a £38,000 study of the racing industry by accounting giants KPMG.

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betting duty from 74% to 6%% in his November budget, a cut which took effect in the nation's betting shops from March 1.

"What we want to do now is show that we have a healthy and viable racing industry that is of great value to the counting giants KPMG.

After lengthy lobbying from age its growth further," said the racing industry, Chancel-

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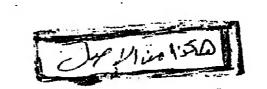
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# Double dose from clinical Casiraghi sees red

ian Ross at Anfield

round matches gone and al-ready Group C seems irreversibly shaped. This victory for Italy. coming on top of Germany's demolition of the Czech Republic, means that matters may already be done and dusted before next Wednesday's easerly anticipated meeting at Old Trafford.

Italy played poorly at times but they still won with much to spare — a skill England would do well to master. But above all yesterday was a tri-umph for Italy's coach Arrigo Sacchi who opted for Pier-luigi Casiraghi instead of Fa-brizio Ravanelli and was rewarded with two clinical strikes from the Lazio striker. Italy could even afford to pull off the gifted Alessandro

Del Piero at the interval, another Sacchi decision which paid off handsomely. Much more of this and the tifosi can dispense with their rotten tomatoes for good.

The game represented a fas-cinating, if fractured, meshing of differing footballing philosophies. Long before Russia assembled in that nearby bayes of the send that nearby haven of the oval ball. Wigan, they proclaimed their game would revolve around power and stamina. It was not so much a brazen promise as an honest admission that their best chance of extending their stay lay with steamrollering their more refined

duty:

Above all they needed a good start to trundle into gear; instead they found themselves a goal down inside five minutes. It came from a mishit Cherchesov clearance which travelled barely 35 yards before falling frustrations, as did a 25-yard at the feet of Di Livio. Overcoming an obvious sense of surprise, the Juventus player nudged his first-time ball into

the path of Casiraghi. Before those Russian de-Before those Russian defenders prepared to back-pedal could converge on him the striker swept a low shot into the bottom corner from the bar and Russia's chance 25 yards with the goalkeeper

Against a side of Italy's de-fensive capabilities it was a serious blow but the Rus-sians, prompted by Kanchelskis, produced some composed moves and deserved their equaliser after 20 minutes. A four-man move swept its way through the blue line so effectively that once the ball landed at Ilia Tsymbalar's feet there could be little doubt about the outcome.

Russia's Footballer of the Vacuum 1995 did the recovered to the landed the landed

Year in 1995 did the necessary year in 1995 did the necessary well, dragging the ball lazily forwards before steering his shot just inside the near post. Zola tried an immediate response, but his glancing header dropped wide. Soon the Russians graw in strength the Russians grew in strength and confidence and, as Blackburn Rovers discovered to their horror against Spartak Moscow in last season's Champions League, Russian football tends to move along apace even in those moments when the tempo slackens.

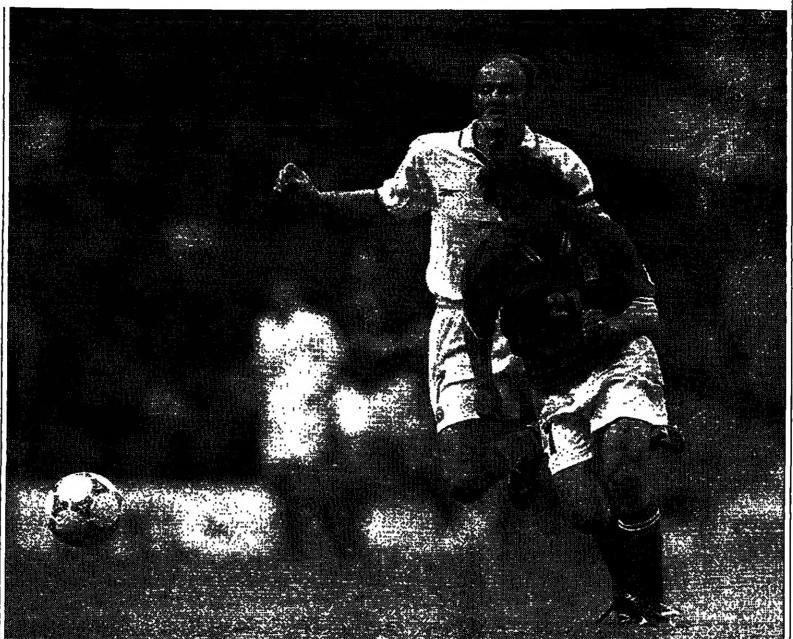
The appearance of the expe-

rienced Donadoni in place of the fading Del Pierro at half-time underlined Sacchi's refusal to favour celebrity players and the expectant Italian supporters who commandeered the Kop did not have long to wait before relaunching their celebrations.

On 51 minutes Roberto Di

Matteo and Zola combined to Matteo and zona combined to open the way for Casiraghi to deliver another excellent finish from 12 yards. The goal was his 10th in 32 internationals and made him the first man to score twice in Euro 96. It was time for the Italians to turn on the style and Cherchesov soon had to throw himself bravely at the feet of Zola who had raced from al-most the halfway line. Rus-sia's substitution of Tsymbalar underlimed

voi past the right-hand post. But the Italians were forced to take a sharp intake of breath in injusy time when



Oh no. Onopko . . . Gianfranco Zola beats the Russian defender's challenge at Anfield vesterday

a whole lot more about An-field than anyone had

expected.
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great." Sacchi was similarly encareer. The first game is althused: "Casiraghi was very difficult, but to good and he was decisive."

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Group D: Turkey 0, Croatia 1

## Sub Vlaovic sinks Turks with late solo winner

Martin Thorpe at the City Ground

GOAL five minutes from time by the substi-tute Goran Vlaovic put Croatia top of Group D last night and silenced the massed ranks of previously excited Turkish supporters.
It had not been a vintage

performance by the Croats but, typically, they scored on the break as Turkey pressed forward. Vlaovic picked up the ball on the halfway line and his fresh legs took him on a run towards the Turkish goal but ended with a cool finish past the goalkeeper Rustu. The omens had started

brightly for Turkey with 20,000 vibrantly noisy, flag-waving supporters, nothing short of delirious at their country's first ever participation in the European Championship. Nottingham

Forest's ground is no stranger to big European nights, but even it had heard nothing like the frenzied chants which greeted Turkey's every attack, the boos that followed every refereeing decision against their team, and the disconcerting mass whistling that chipped away at the Croatian players' concentration whenever they had the ball. Shrill it was, but sporting it was not.

In terms of numbers, Croatian fans were understandably under-represented, given their recent domestic circumstances. Just a small knot the side of Wimbledon's away contingent huddled in one corner. But what they lacked in numbers they made up for with pride at seeing their new country's independence culturally confirmed by their first participation in one of soccer's major tournaments.

Though all the familiar names and pre-tournament expectation belonged to Croatia, the Turks were deter- tough test Stienes and his mined to show they were not | West Ham compatriot Bilic here just to make up the num- | were having coping with this



Stimac . . . disappointing

bers. And the proof that they possessed the action to go with the words came after just 11 minutes when Sergen's smart, perfectly timed ball in-side the Croatian defender Jarni released the stylish wing back Ogun into the area. His cross was cleared but the threat was there for all to see.

So positive were the Turk-ish management feeling about the game that instead of play-ing a lone striker, Hakan, as expected, they started with three up front. Although Sergen and Aris were expected to drop back when Croatia had the ball. Turkey could actu-ally Rustle up five forwards on the break as the wing-backs joined in.

As the first half wore on Croatia began to blunt the early Turkish enthusiasm and create chances of their own. Not many, but Asanovic set up Stanic for a header at the goalkeeper and shortly after Boksic sent another just

Asanovic will be back in England for the new season having just signed for Derby County for £950,000. The midfielder may not be joining his creatian team-mate Stimac at the left. Prosinecki fired in a creatian team-mate Stimac at the Baseball Ground, however, for the defender is being chased by Manchester United. Last night Alex Ferguson was County Abdullah. Tolung United County Abdullah. Tolung United County Abdullah. Tolung United County Abdullah. Tolung United County Unite having a look and what a

lively Turkish attack. As the rain came down in the second half neither team was exactly pouring forward

and chances were few and far In the 55th minute the highly rated Boban of Milan became the first player in the game to be booked and shortly after was substituted culation Hurriyet and the

performance. In fact none of Croatia's standing as the team once the South-east swollen by again failed to live up to the sum of its part. In fact Boksic

was also substituted.
On 22 minutes the Croatians did fashion a decent chance, Jarni's deep cross from the left finding Suker's head at the far post. But the striker could only direct the ball back across the face of the goal and wide of the other

Turkey had come close when Tugay shot over from 25 yards, then Ogun shot wide from 40. But the fact that the Turks were resorting to long distance told its own tale about the growing promi-nence of the Croatian defence.

Croatia's best chance of the game up until this point came on 30 minutes when the substitute Vlaovic, the eventual goalscorer, was released into the area but his promising run, cutting in from the left, was expertly halted by the Turkish goalkeeper Rustu who bravely dived at the

Ten minutes from time, as Croatia turned up the pres-sure, they won a free-kick on the left. Prosinecki fired in a got his head to it.
Turkey: Rustu: Vedat, Rahim, Alpay,
Ogun, Abdullah, Tolunay, Tugay, Sergen,
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## Going bananas in Diyarbakir

Owen Boycott reports from South-east protest only by firing up on the break-up of his marmedia centre at St James at St James Park to watch Scotland-Hol Turkey as Euro 96 tensions bubble up

phoria generated by the national team qualifying for a major tournament for the first time since the 1954 World Cup seeped away.
"Sixty Million Supporters!" declared identical

a disappointing daily sports paper Fotomac. "Come on Lions!" an inside story was headed, betraystar overseas players — Real ing more loyalty than confi-Madrid's Sukar, Juventus's Boksic or Barcelona's Prosin-ecki — were particularly out-Byzantine-walled city in the influx of refugee Kurds, expectations were as low as the wooden stools on which the old men squat as they click backgammon

counters around their "Croatia will win for sure," ventured Adam, a street trader, before the kick-off, "Turkey is not a professional side. They sell all their players to Europe. mutilation.

Euro 96 results

regessions were towarrows swizer-land v holland (7:30, Villa Park).
June 15: Scotland v England (3:0, Wembley).
June 18: Holland v England (7:30, Wem-bley). Scotland v Swizerland (7:30, Villa Park).

Remaining fixtures: June 14s Czech Republic v Italy (7:30, Antield). June 16s Russia v Germany (3:0, Old Trafford). June 19s Italy v Germany (7:30, Old Trafford); Russia v Czech Republic (7:30,

LL week Turkey had been praying for victory but preparing itself for the worst as the euevening drinker predicted that the national team would lose by five goals to the Balkan favourites. No one threatened to spill his raki. The optimists were those who hoped Turkey could slug it out to a goaless draw.

Turks — and Kurds — do feel passionate about foot-ball. The cobbled back alleys are full of grubby, shaven-headed kids kicking semi-deflated plastic balls around and getting under the feet of veiled women. The country seems to put as much emotion into los ing as winning, too. This

city went bananas a few weeks back when Diyarbakirspor failed to win promotion to the national pre-mier division for a second year running. The club's red-and-green colours were burned in the street, bank windows were broken and supporters cut themselves with knives as if in the grip of a Shi'ite fervour of self-

"The police stopped the

(City Ground, Nottingham)

gesturing into the air. As the Rough Guide warns vis-itors: "It is not unknown for a losing team to be ai-tacked by its own support-

weekend review of the team's prospects, the English-language Turkish Daily News concluded: "Coach Fatih Terim has done a fine job just in reaching these finals anything more will be a bonus. Turkey could yet slip back into its previous obscurity."

Respect for players is also limited. One star performer is languishing in jail on charges of evading tax when importing a Mer-cedes. The national No. 1 goalkeeper Rustu Recher, of the Istanbul club Fenerbahce, is said by many to be too inexperienced - at the age of 24.

The star striker Hakan Suker ("The Bull of the Bosphorus") left Galata-

Esra, be told one paper: "I would have been a worldclass player by now." Until yesterday Turkey

ers after a game."

Such problems with selfesteem are pervasive. In a Inclusion in the tournament was thrill enough for pean Union.

"Well, we may be 100-1 outsiders." Adam remarked, "but we're not as bad as the Czech Republic." A hostage to fortune if ever there was, that. Gordon Milne, the for-

mer Coventry manager now in charge of the Turk-ish club Besapor, had warm words of praise for Turkey going into last night's match.

nation. They have tremendous pride and a high drinks. As of yesterday not degree of technical ability. Turkish clubs learned the modern trend of proper diet saray for a year to play for and preparation long before anybody in England. Said, because of homesickness. He later very sportingly blamed his bad form mendously strong."

## Level best not good enough

ing at Euro 96 if they finish level on points and goal difference with their Group A rivals. In the event of that happen-

ing Uefa will use the four teams' qualifying records for the last three major championships - this tournament, the 1992 European Championwill qualify for the quarter-It leaves England, who did

not have to qualify for Euro Remaining fixtures: June 14: Portugal v Turkey (4:30, City Ground, Nottingham), June 16: Croatia v Denmark (5.6, Hitsborough).

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INGLAND's failure to for an average of 2.14 with reach the 1994 World Cup Switzerland (52 from 26 at 2.0) finals could prove their undonext and Scotland (53 from 28

Bulgaria's players have threatened to leave their training camp near Scarborough. They are unhappy that there is little to do at the Ravenscar Hotel and at the amount of travelling involved to and from games. They had a 90-minute jour-

ship and the World Cup two ney to Leeds on Sunday for years ago — to decide who their opening Group B game with Spain and their final two matches at Newcastle, against Romania and France, will mean round trips of around four hours.

If Bulgaria left Scarborough it would be a financial jolt for the local council, which has sponsored their visit to the

Russia over fans



OMEWHERE in Liverpool port sits a boatfull of lonely, apoplectic Russians. Well not quite a boatfull; 100, actually. But they are angry and it is all the fault of our man in Moscow.

The sorry story began when a group of their compatriots decided to follow Oleg Romantsev's side through Euro 96. The organisers were only too pleased to sell them top-price tickets, but the British Embassy in Moscow satd these were not the sort of chaps to roam the mean streets of Toxteth: they might tion — visa applications took six weeks to process swiftly turned to rejection as the British said nyet, repeatedly. Vladamir Modelevsky was

one of the few who managed to disentangle himself from the red tape and reach Eng-land. Yesterday he arrived in Liverpool and took sanctuary in the Russian cruise liner Astra, which is providing cheap accommmodation.

There were supposed to be more than 300 on that ship and we'll have just over 100," he said, flourishing a thick block of tickets belonging to the fans stranded in Russia. "This is barbarious (sic). This is barbarious (sic). They sold us the tickets, didn't let most of our group in and now we can't sell them. You live in the past here. How can people live worse than they do in this country?"

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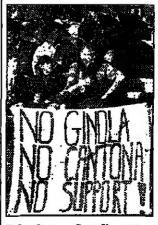
mate Sergei: "We have lost a fortune because of these bas-tards. If this had happened in Russia we would have known how to deal with these

people."
Not only that, said Andrei but: "If we wanted to defect we certainly wouldn't try to come here. Do not forget that the British have a long way yet to go down the road to

OU could forgive John Gorman for thinking that as Glenn Hoddle's No. 2 with England he might have been allowed into the media centre at St James land on television. But New castle gatemen did not get where they are today Until yesterday Turkey allowing Scots with fancy had been happy to bask in titles into the ground unless pass. So Gorman was barred and retired to the nearest pub to cheer on his boys. But will a nation that looks west and yearns to be accepted wembley on Saturday? And who will be support? And will Wembley's strict segregation policy allow him to sit next to

OW hear this England. A room has been set aside in the Leeds hotel where Spain are staying to allow the players to relax away from the endless requests for autographs and interviews. Inside the room are several pool and snooker tables and two fridges full of "Nobody will top this refreshments, one stocked Turkish squad for determi- with bottles of beer and lager and the other with cans of soft

> O who needs Cantona? Yesterday Christophe Dugarry gave the offical French line on the enfant terrible. "We have made a good start and that is important to us," said the bearded striker.
> "We did it without Cantona
> and Ginola and that is important too. It has proved we do these moody kind of people." So there you have it: They're



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Howey . . . twisted ankle

England coach brushes aside press reports of late-night drinking by his players



**Richard Williams** 

Knees up . . . Sheringham, accused by the tabloids of enjoying a night out, dances round Phil Neville, watched by Ince

## Angry Venables turns on 'traitors'

Terry Venables's Eng-land squad despened yesterday with the news that their 49-hour leave had produced two further damaging episodes. One cost Venables the services of Steve Howey, who twisted an ankle during a training run and is almost certainly out of the tournament. The other led the

HE tribulations of chances by turning the public Switzerland at Faces, a discolor Terry Venables's Englagainst the team.

After the affair of the China Sun led its front page with the

Jump Bar and Cathay Pacific Flight CX125, the tabloid papers have been on the alert for more episodes of social indiscretion. On Saturday they were handed the ammunition when Teddy Sheringham, Jamie Redknapp and Sol Campbell chose to hold their private inquest into the disapeking to damage England's | pointing performance against | minded players being out at

news that they had been seen drinking beer and had left the club at 2.20am.

"I haven't read the paper but I know all about it," Vena-bles told the morning press conference after a training session at Bisham Abbey, "and as far as we're concerned that time of night, he replied: no drinking while they were in the team's hotel. home to their families. These "We know we've got to be kept together and had a beer. They've come to me all They just sat in the corner and had a couple of beers. How

accept their word."

They were allowed to drink alcohol on their days off, he

long it was, I don't know. But I

been. I've got no complaints' whatsoever. If they're going to relax, let them relax, as long as they haven't upset any-body, which they haven't. I can't see the point of saying you can have a night off but you must stay in your house. if you want to have a couple of beers at home, fine. In the

main, those who have families are at home. Or they've gone out to dinner. And if they go out for dinner with their wives, they could have the same amount of beer as three wouldn't notice that.
"In Italy and Spain the play-

ers drink wine every day with their meals. I was at Barce-lona for three years and we had to drink red wine for lunch and dinner. When the Irish were doing it you were all thinking how funny it was. But all of a sudden it's us, and it's a different attitude alto-Venables told reporters that

gether. I don't understand it." he was dismayed by the way so they have to be treated like the players have been portrayed. "I think it's awful But they haven't abused that."

The major

problem in

the romance

of Paul and

Sarah is

we're getting hardened to it. We just don't understand that it's necessary to do what you're doing. There are a few that seem like traitors to us. They're turning the public gainst the players, which can turn them against them in the

"If there's an advantage to being at home, we aren't tak-ing advantage of it, are we? The support isn't as strong as we should have. Therefore the advantage, if there was one, is

He had been in the game long enough, he said, not to on behalf of the players be felt the situation was deteriorating fast. "Now it's insatiable. What is the aim of trying to turn the public against the

Had the poor performance against Switzerland made any difference? "I'm not going to say you can have a beer if you win and you can't if you lose. That would make me seen like a silly little boy. I'm try ing to get them to stick their chests out and play like men,

## And now over to you, Deuteronomy



Vincent Hanna

OOK, I know that as an emerging nation we are entitled to a crack at a we are doing our best — the Villa Park pitch looked almost flat on Monday night — but are we ready for Euro 96? Look at its effect on susceptible minds. Like mine for one.

First my executive producer Mrs Lapping, who has zero interest in football, slides up to me in Channel 4 and asks: "Was Venables wise to take off McManaman?"

Made me very nervous that; she might have turned violent Then, as I settled down in the shed to watch Scotland, Granada TV arrived to interview Sinead about *la philosophie de* 

And a deficiency in my ner-vous energy level has made it difficult to last the full 90 minutes of television coverage. Brian Moore and Kevin Kee-gan. Splendid individuals no doubt, but they shouldn't play

together. They never shut up. All you can hear is something like: You'd have to be disappointed about that, Brian. I'm disappointed, Kevin. To be honest, Brian that seemed a harsh decision. Harsh is the right word, Kevin. I'd say harsh, Brion. What do they mean by

"harsh"? "Harsh" suggests the referee might have im-posed a lighter punishment, like taking the penalty 10

yards further back. I assembled my critical viewers' panel last night to debate these matters, and they nearly wrecked the shed. Greg the vicar arrived filled with righteousness, "Look at my slow-motion replay." he said. "Stuart Pearce approached the tackle with arms raised, before the ball was struck."

"Where's your bloody patriotism!" snapped George the greengrocer and military historian. Things were looking nasty between them when my wife arrived with refreshments, her contribution to what she had thought was a Christian Awareness Semi-

nar I was hosting.
"Ruud Gullit says Portugal
look a good bet," she beamed as she poured tea all over my Euro 96 wall-chart. The thing about the television is its isolation. It is almost devoid of journalism. Commentators and pundits on both channels treat Euro 96 as if it is only a football championship. Studios are filled with careful managers and players, who ignore the tabloids and talk in code: "Good technical player that, very strong in the centre-to-front area." Criti-cism, especially on ITV, is confined to mild but respectful

disappointment Meanwhile in the parallel tabloid universe inhabited by Gazza and Uri Geller, we gorge on fantastic stories. If we are told that at half-time on Saturday five of the England squad slipped off for a few beers, we believe it.

Back in the shed we mopped up the tea and sang a hymn to make my wife feel guilty. The Rev Greg quipped: "Paul Gascoigne is suffering from ill-ness and fatigue— the fans are sick and tired of him." I shouldn't have laughed.

"He should remember what God said to the other St Paul," said Greg. "And what was that?" I asked. "It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks, Acts 9:5." He's a hoot,

is Greg. We then decided that televi-sion, whilst not encouraging the scandals, might at least inquire into some of the more obvious ones. Doctors say that alcohol is the worst preparation for sport, but nobody asks Terry Venables even to tell how many beers make "a

Terry says the team has been well prepared and don't believe the papers, and Des Lynam says okay Terry, best of luck mate. There are managers and players in both studies who know what's going on, who have strong views about team preparation, but who stay silent.

TV Sport, I suppose, argues that it is the job of TV News to do the dirty work, but everyone knows that TV Sport gets the real access. Radio Five Live, as a news and sport network, provides a more rounded service.

ARKS so far. Barry Davies and Trevor Brooking head the list; their informed economical performance illugame. Just behind them, and well ahead of most others, are Alan Parry and Ron Atkinson. who excelled with Holland-Scotland. Coming up fast is the new double act of Hansen

Greg is Scottish and has taken to reciting Deuteronomy 28:35 aloud. He says it's relevant for Saturday and you-know-who. The Lord and in the legs with a sore botch that cannot be healed.

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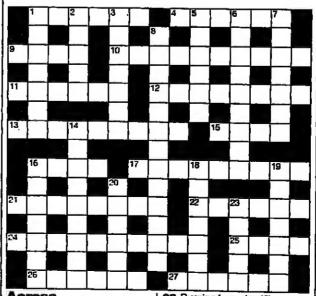
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- 1 Report of 9 is causing
- 4 Model taken by 9 to cold, cold sea (6) 9 Gatch 22 (4)
- 10 9 and property are blown up by the French — appalling taste! (4-6) 11 9 on the head (6)
- 12 Much illness is caused by alternative medicine replacing nitrogen with phosphorus (8)
- 13 Producer of energy that's supposedly green with revolutionary cycle (9)
- 15 9 that's also at sea (4) 16 Scream as fire is quenched at its source (4) 17 Information meant to be dis-
- played round Leatherhead for squire (9) 21 Keep warm in 9, (nearly 10) (8)
- 22 Burning for a clue (6) 24 Evidence of hunger in 15 --vitamins should be distri-buted, (short of time) (10)
- 25 9 of sovereign-ruled states expelling M.P. (4) 26 American gives (rightened squeal never in retreat (6) 27 Harmless 9 invaded by guerrilla leader (6)
- Down 1 Riddle of gunmen held in 9
- 3 A feature of 11 rising around river in Cyprus (7) 5 Like vinegar, one has it over
- chips, not joints (6) 6 I get petal to sprout an opening leaf (5-4) 7 Musical family gathered
- hanging flowers (7) 8 Got me a new book des-

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- 4 Development has nothing erected in and out, perhaps?
- unfamiliar one claimed by Henry Cooper? (7) National course organised for apprentice (7)
- 19 Infernal over bird goes after 20 Foreign woman with two mothers East or mother in West (6)

23 Ancient tribe, a chapter of a historic enigma (5) Solution tomorrow Stuck? Then call our solutions line on 0891 338 238. Calls cost 39p per min, cheap rate, 49p per min at all other times. Service supplied by ATS

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